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Trout season opens April 30

Fishing seasons for trout, walleye, and pike begin on Saturday, April 30.

"It should be a pretty good opener as long as snow doesn't meander in," said Jack Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop.

Millikin said the lack of rain this spring could bode well for trout fishermen during opening weekend, since very little food has been washed into the water. Fish should be biting when anglers hit area waterways this weekend.

With the sunny weather this spring, water temperatures are warm for this time of year, Millikin said. "Unless we get snow opening weekend it should be a good opener. Water temperatures are warming up. As long as the weather holds it'll be fair. This time of year, (the weather) can go either way," he said.

Millikin said he expects walleye and pike fishing to be slow during opening weekend, but this year's opener could be better than past years due to the recent warm weather.

"The water in the lakes is clear, but still a little cold. Just

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Funds raised for cancer research

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Eagles member Wendy Fleming has a lighter load on her head while other members of the club are now sporting bald heads and lips.

Fleming had 20 inches of her hair cut off Saturday at the Grayling Eagles Club's fundraiser for the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund. Her hair was packaged and sent to the Locks of Love, a non-profit organization which provides wigs to financially disadvantaged children 18 years of age and younger who lose their hair while going through treatment for cancer.

Fleming said she was inspired by Eagles Club member Dennis Williamson, who underwent treatment for lymphoma last year.

"I just figured that if a little bit of money can be raised for research to find a cure for cancer so that some other person doesn't have to go through this then it's worth it," Fleming said.

Club members took bids to take the first whacks at Fleming's long locks.

A bidding war, fueled by Williamson between members from the Houghton Lake Eagles Club and the Grayling Eagles Club, resulted in the first cut of Fleming's hair coming off for \$217.

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Photos by Dan Sanderson

Francis McCluskey, a cancer survivor, was the first person to take the clippers to her husband, Mac McCluskey, during the Grayling Eagles Club's fund-raiser for the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund. Left, Wendy Fleming had 20 inches of her hair cut off which was packaged and sent to the Locks of Love, a non-profit organization which provides wigs to financially disadvantaged children 18 years of age and younger who lose their hair while going through treatment for cancer.

Voters to cast school ballots

Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore is reminding voters to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 3 in the inaugural spring school election.

Under the Michigan Consolidated Election Law, four election dates were offered to schools and the Crawford AuSable School Board opted to have its election in May.

The election law was designed to save taxpayers money, increase voter participation and create uniformity in election jurisdictions, Moore said.

Previous school elections were held in June and voters cast their ballots at the schools instead of their local city hall or township hall.

The voting precincts will be open at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 8 p.m.

All residents who are registered to vote with the city or township clerk in the municipality where they live are eligible to vote in this election.

Voting precincts for the Crawford AuSable School District include:

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GHS students host open house, dinner

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Students at Grayling High School showcased their talents and skills for the community last week.

Students displayed projects they had been working on at the Grayling High School Dinner and Academic Open House.

The event was held in conjunction with an evaluation being done by officials from the Coalition of Essential Schools, a state program aimed at funding teacher's professional development. The high school received \$85,000 over three years through the state grant.

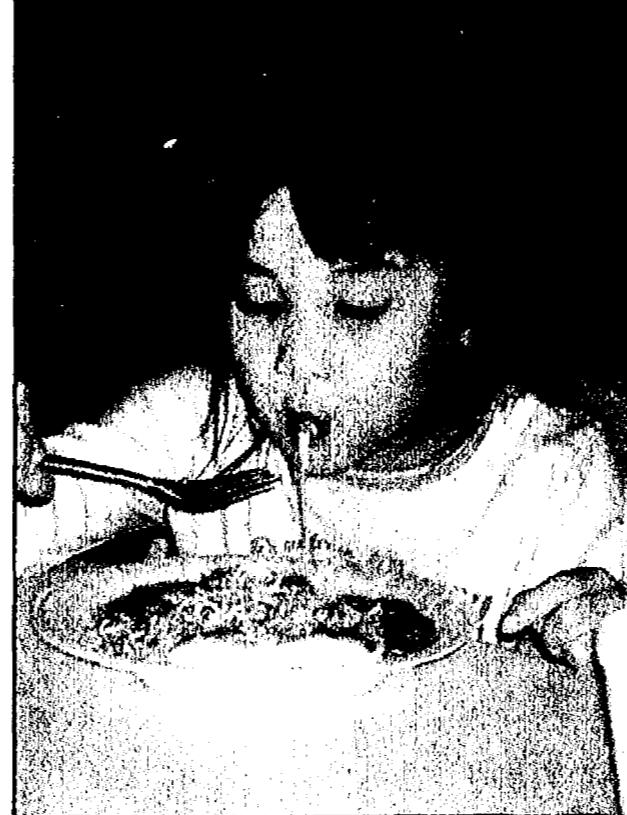
Grayling High School English Teacher Angie Golnick said the three main focuses of the teaching initiatives was to foster culture and climate in the school, to ensure that students know

resources that are available to them and to ensure students are challenged with their curriculum.

"The open house allowed the students to showcase their talents and to show the community what we have achieved in the last three years," Golnick said.

Donations taken for the spaghetti dinner will go toward the "GHS Heartship Fund," a fund which will help students and families who are dealing with financial or medical hardships. A total of \$400 was raised for the fund.

"We are planning to make the Community Dinner and Academic Open House a yearly event, and we hope to see it grow and grow each year," said Grayling High School Principal Doniel Pummel.



Photos by Dan Sanderson
Erica Umlor, 6, a first grader at Grayling Elementary School, enjoyed the spaghetti at the Grayling High School Community Dinner and Open House last week. Left, Amanda Hulbert, Sarah Lange and Kelly Lange, all sophomores, made slime in the chemistry lab as part of the open house.

Jury finds Johnson innocent of felony

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 44-year old Beaver Creek Township man avoided prison time last week for the second time in three years after he was acquitted of a felony charge.

Randee Craig Johnson was acquitted for a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon after a two-day trial was held in Crawford County Court last week. A jury of six men and six women deliberated for about two hours before rendering their verdict.

Johnson had faced up to four years in prison.

Johnson was arrested by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies on July 7, 2004 for allegedly pointing a rifle at Calvin Halfacre, Alex Halfacre and Christopher Thompson. The three men were grading Millikin Lane, a private road where they have a club house for the motorcycle club, Justice Riders.

Johnson became agitated when the truck they were grading the road with was in front of his home. He claimed that he went and got a pipe he had stored in a gun case and shouldered it to look like a weapon.

Calvin's Halfacre's 9-year-old

son and the three men said they believed they saw a gun.

"I'm an ex-Marine sir, and trust me, I know what a gun looks like," Alex Halfacre told Crawford County Prosecutor during his testimony.

Witnesses who testified for Johnson claimed that a handgun was brandished by the men.

Court rules precluded Huss from bringing up the murder case which Johnson was acquitted for in May 2002. Witnesses, however, testified that Johnson demanded that no guns be brought on his property following his acquittal.

Johnson was charged and acquitted for the May, 2001 slaying of Shane Piehl. Piehl was shot in the head at close range with a 22-caliber rifle on a two-track off of Four Mile Road near I-75 south of Grayling.

Authorities said a theft of OxyContin, a powerful and highly addictive pain drug, was at the center of the slaying.

Michael Patrick Bergan, 43, of Beaver Creek Township, the second man to be charged for Piehl's murder, will be back in Crawford County Circuit Court on Thursday for a number of motions for his upcoming trial.

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School board election features two open seats, three candidates

Three candidates are vying for two open seats on the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 3.

The three candidates for the two four-year terms on the school board are James M. Hulbert, Doug Slater M.D., and Jim Tobin.

In an effort to provide information to voters on the candidates, the *Crawford County Avalanche* mailed questionnaires to each of the three men and their answers were the basis for the following brief profiles:

James (Jim) M. Hulbert — James M. Hulbert is a Family Specialist with Northern Family Intervention Services, Inc., a home-based service that provides assistance to youth and families, teaching social skills and parenting skills and coordinating school, court, and other community services.

Hulbert graduated from Grayling High School in 1974 and has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Central Michigan University.

"I have been encouraged to run for the school board for a number of years largely due to my involvement with the schools. My job involves extensive interaction with all the schools in the district. Being involved with the schools on an almost daily basis allows me to observe the practical operation of the educational process. I work closely with students, parents, teachers, support staff, and administrators in addressing academic and behavioral needs. I regularly attend and support school sports. This is my second year coaching soccer with CASA. I am a member of First Baptist Church of Frederic. I

believe I have a good understanding of the broad needs and concerns of the district because of these experiences," Hulbert said.

"The greatest need in education today is always how to best deliver academic training in cooperation with family and community values. The schools have been entrusted with an awesome task that involves providing a quality education for our youth in a world view and economy that is consistently changing with technical advances and questioning values or morals. But on a more practical level, the many issues that face families today — employment, family conflict, etc. — influence the ability of children to learn in an academic environment. The resources available to the schools have been steadily decreasing with budgetary cuts and lower enrollment. We have little control over these factors until there are some changes in school funding," Hulbert said.

"The greatest need facing Crawford AuSable schools is how to provide as much as we can with what we have available. The apparent lack of confidence in or trust between the state and school districts, parents and the school, the board/administration and personnel affects attitude, perception, and overall morale. Communicating needs and struggles can be improved between the board and the community with more public forums like the April 14 State of the School meeting and *Avalanche* articles. The last parent-community survey information shared was helpful in giving the school clear priority focus on what areas in the budget should not be sacrificed. There has to be greater involvement by parents/citizens in attending school and board meetings," Hulbert said. "An improvement in understanding what is happening in the particular school buildings could be enhanced by an increased board member presence — more attending a variety of school events (athletic, plays, concerts, etc.), department or union meeting involvement, and a more proactive interaction with the district in general. Accurate reporting and

accountability have also been concerns voiced by many."

"I experience as an individual,

James M. Hulbert

parent, and professional what goes on in our school district on a regular basis. My work experience and history involves listening to needs, views, and developing practical solutions. I have been and am on boards that address delivery of services to various groups. I openly share my views and listen to what concerns others have. I can communicate effectively, involve or motivate others, and make decisions," Slater said. "In general I do not have a particular agenda, but a genuine interest in serving the district as a school board member."

Hulbert and his wife Brenda have eight children ranging in age from 8 to 25. He enjoys collecting coins, Hot Wheel/Match Box cars, golfing, basketball, running and jogging, and reading.

Doug Slater, M.D. — Doug Slater is a physician.

He is a 1971 graduate of Grayling High School, earned a B.S. Biology degree from Central Michigan University in 1981, and received his M.D. from Michigan State University in 1986.

"As a pediatrician and a former school teacher, my agenda is to do whatever is best for the children. But to be sustainable, I know it has to be affordable. As a vice-president of the hospital, I know how to work as a team member to build a stronger system during tough financial times," Slater said.

"The top priority of any school is to provide the best possible education for the students. That requires the best possible teachers plus excellent pro-

grams. Supporting that is the most important responsibility of the school board, and that support must also come from the community. Building a foundation of support is the greatest need in education today," Slater said.

"Our schools are facing increasing demands with less resources and higher costs. Balancing that kind of financial pressure and continuing to deliver high quality service requires a lot of dedicated leadership. Developing the community support through continued leadership from our board, our administration, and the teachers is the single greatest investment we can make in our schools. It has been, and will remain, the greatest need facing Crawford AuSable schools," Slater said.

"When first approached about serving on the school board, my initial reaction was, 'Should I be doing this?' To answer that question, I interviewed several members of the current board and administration. I then reviewed the school's financial statements and strategic plan. Our schools need the full support of every member of our community to meet the challenge ahead. For the sake of our children, I would hope to give my very best effort to support our schools, teachers, and our students. Now is the right time for me, and I am ready to serve if called," Slater said.

Slater and his wife Marcie have one son, Dougie, a sophomore at GHS.

Slater enjoys playing music, tennis, skiing, backpacking, fly fishing, mountain biking, karate, and being outdoors in the woods of northern Michigan.

Jim Tobin — No response.

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because of the spring we've had it should be a little better, but it'll probably be slow. Three weeks of sun, that'll help a little bit for sure. If the weather holds, the openers should be as good as they can be."

In addition to fishing opportunities, anglers and fly fishing enthusiasts can also check out special events being hosted by the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library and the Lovells Township Historical Society this weekend. Both are hosting special events this weekend to help kick off the opening

days of trout season in 2005.

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library will host a Fly Fishing Opener at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29. This event is open to the public and will include refreshments, the unveiling of President Carter's book, "Outdoor Journal," signed and complete with a fly that he tied himself and used, and an appearance by Glen Blackwood, host of "Fly Fishing with Glen Blackwood" on PBS.

The library's Fly Fishing Opener will also include fly tying demonstrations, AuSable River boats, and a celebration of

the library's recent expansion of its sizeable fly fishing book collection.

On Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, the Lovells Township Historical Society will host its 2005 Annual Trout Opener event at the new museum, the old Lone Pine (Kellogg) School, and Lovells Township Hall (8405 Twin Bridge Road in Lovells).

The event will include a variety of exhibits, a River Guide Camp, presentations by river guides, fly tying demonstrations, children's games, and more.

Funds raised for cancer research

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"To help a little girl or boy avoid the stigma of having a bald head for what they have gone through is worth every penny that this organization can raise," Williamson said.

Grayling Eagles member Mac McCluskey was the next person in the barber's chair, having his head and beard which he has sported for over 30 years buzzed off.

"We raised some good money, so it was well worth it," McCluskey said.

McCluskey's wife, Francis, who is a cancer survivor, was the first to take the clipper's to his head.

"That was what kind of pushed me to do this,"

McCluskey said of wife's battle 12 years ago with cancer. "There have been many members of the club that have had cancer and it devastates them so I did it to support them, too."

Grayling Eagles President Doug McMurtrie had his mustache shaved off for the fundraiser, the first time his upper lip has seen the light of day in 37 years.

Fleming's husband, Kevin Fleming, had his hair and mustache cut off for the fund raiser. Club member Gene Hawkins also received a buzz cut during the event.

Proceeds from a euchre tournament and a silent auction also raised funds to fight cancer.

Overall, the club raised \$1,930

for the fund.

"That is exactly what the Eagles are all about is people helping people," McMurtrie said.

Art Ehrmann served as editor of "Eagle Publications" for 25 years. Ehrmann died on Labor Day 1975 after a long battle with cancer.

Ehrmann served as the first director of "The Eagles Cancer Fund" when the fund was established by the Grand Aerie in November 1959.

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles has given over \$20 million in grants to universities, hospitals, and other institutions involved in cancer research and related projects including hospice care.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Grayling City/Township Firefighters practiced using the department's new ladder truck last week. The truck, which costs about \$500,000 was funded by the federal 2004 Assistance to Firefighters program.

Camp Grayling Conservation Club announces Earth Day poster winners

In celebration of Earth Day, the Camp Grayling Conservation Club (CGCC) asked third grade students to design posters that demonstrated the meaning of Earth Day. Jerry Hayes, CGCC President, spoke with students on the history of Earth Day and the need to preserve our natural resources for future generations.

Three leaders of the community, Tim Zigila, Chamber President; Milli Haug, Superintendent; and Karl Schreiner, School Board President were asked to judge the posters for content and uniqueness.

The winner of the most creative and original poster was presented an Earth Day trophy. The first place winner of each class received a \$10 gift certificate from Grayling McDonalds. Class runner-ups received a \$5 McDonalds' certificate. "Every child that participated is a winner; they truly care about our environment and received a free french fry certificate from our neighborhood McDonalds for their efforts," said Hayes.

Trophy winner is Mitchell Thompson (Mrs. Brunskill's class).

Winners of Mrs. Brunskill's class, 1st place - Allison Scheid

and runner-up - Meghan Beard. Winners of Mrs. Canfield's class, 1st place - Meghan Malm and runner-up - Haily Petty.

Winners of Mrs. Urban's class, 1st place - Kaitlyn Pendygraft and runner-up - Melody Colon.

Winners of Mrs. Summerfield's class, 1st place - Howard Anglemeyer and runner-up - Tracey Burch.

Winners of Mrs. Bershore's class, 1st place - Heather Petty and runner-up - Rachel Dubriwney.

Earth Day started in 1963 when former Senator Gaylord Nelson began to worry about our planet. Nelson knew that our world was getting dirty and that many of our plants and animals were dying. He wondered why more people weren't trying to solve these problems. He talked to other lawmakers and to the President. They decided that the President would go around the country and tell people about these concerns. He did, but still not enough people were working on the problem.

Then, in 1969, Nelson had



Trophy winner from the Camp Grayling Conservation Club's Earth Day poster contest was Mitchell Thompson, from Mrs. Brunskill's third grade class, pictured with Tim Zigila from the Grayling Chamber of Commerce.

and put a special article in Scholastic Magazine to tell them about the special day he had planned. (Most of the schools got this magazine and he knew that

kids would help him.)

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was held. People all over the country made promises to help the environment. Everyone got involved and since then, Earth Day has spread all over the planet. People all over the world know that there are problems we need to work on and this is our special day to look at the planet and see what needs changing.



Pictured above are the class winners and runner-ups from the Camp Grayling Conservation Club's Earth Day poster contest in which the Grayling Elementary third grade students designed posters that demonstrated the meaning of Earth Day.

Woman hit while walking in the rain

A 24-year old Mancelona woman was critically injured last week when she was struck by a car while walking along the highway during early morning hours.

Pamela Noel was hit by a car around 2:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20 on M-72 West near Evergreen Road in Grayling Township, the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police reported.

Noel was walking westbound in the roadway when she was struck behind by a west-bound vehicle driven by a 24-year-old Grayling man, who was not identified.

State police said that Noel was wearing dark clothing and visibility was limited due to rain.

Noel was transported to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, before being transferred to Munson

Medical Center in Traverse City. She was listed in critical but stable condition last week, state police said.

The driver of the vehicle was not injured, state police said.

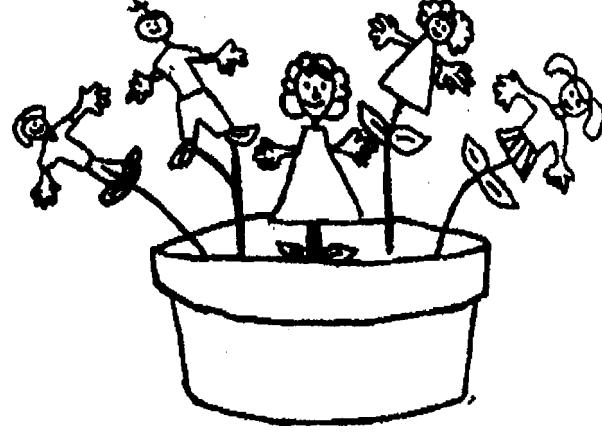
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Grass roots campaign targets state senate

UNHAPPY VOTERS from Hastings — putting their dissatisfaction into grass roots action — want to amend the Michigan constitution to abolish the state senate and establish a unicameral legislature.

Only Nebraska has a one-chamber state lawmaking body.

The Hastings initiative, which reportedly grew out of ongoing discussions at morning coffee klatches, envisions a statewide petition drive to gather more than the 320,000 or so signatures required to put the question on the 2006 ballot.

Saving money is one of the big reasons cited by backers of the unicameral plan, who claim it would reduce the size of government and by eliminating the state senate would save \$50 million a year in salaries, benefits, staff and other expenses.

"There's simply no reason for two chambers," said Bob Dwyer of Hastings, one of the leaders of the petition group. "It's a luxury we can't afford and don't need."

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THE UNICAMERAL possibility for Michigan has come up several times in the past. Rep. Lamar Lemmons III has introduced the plan in each of the most recent legislative sessions, but it has always been jammed up in committee. Even if the Lemmons proposal would pass the legislature, it still would have to be adopted by a statewide vote.

Rep. Lemmons reportedly has embraced the Hastings drive, as has his father, Rep. Lamar Lemmons, Jr., both Detroit Democrats.

Other legislators also have introduced the unicameral proposal periodically over past years, with no success.

The late Zolton Ferency of Lansing, an enthusiastic and brilliant Democratic activist for many years who had been Democratic state party chair and candidate for governor, was a unicameral advocate, and tried unsuccessfully to get the idea before the voters.

The unicameral idea has reappeared in discussion around the capital every few years, but it has never been submitted for a public vote.

This time, backers say, their early

grass roots support is spreading to many parts of the state.

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ARGUMENTS GO both ways.

Efficiency and openness as well as economy are cited as benefits of a unicameral system. Present house and senate districts both are based on population, so legislators represent the same people, and the process is duplication, unnecessary and wasteful.

Government would be cleaner and easier to follow, the argument goes. With two chambers, each passes a differing version of the same bill, and differences are settled by a handful of members on a conference committee, so the public doesn't know what's in a new law until it takes effect, and that's too late for input and voter control.

With a single body, actions would be more open to public view and public input.

On the other side of the coin, opponents claim the senate provides a check and balance to the house, and vice versa, and together they provide a stronger check and balance to the governor and

the administrative branch of government.

With two houses, voters have access to both their senator and their representative, and therefore are closer to what's going on and can be more involved in their government, which is good.

Besides, they add, if a unicameral system is better, how come 49 other states have not adopted the idea?

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THE HASTINGS push for a unicameral legislature faces many obstacles.

Gathering 320,000 signatures is no small task, but with wide enough grass roots support, it's not impossible.

Raising money for signature seekers, advertising and other ways to spread the word and convince voters also is tough, but again it's not impossible.

Other issues may be on the 2006 ballot — mourning doves, affirmative action, who knows what else — and a proliferation of proposals tends to hurt them all.

But the difficult is not the impossible. Those coffee drinkers in Hastings and other small towns around the state deserve applause for putting their con-

cerns into action.

If the unicameral idea makes it to the ballot, my guess right now is it will pass — especially if a part-time legislature, were encompassed in the proposal.

Even its serious consideration indicates something more fundamental:

The public is not satisfied with the Michigan legislature and its performance. They want change, responsiveness and control of Michigan lawmaking.

Legislative term limits — still embraced by the public although heavily criticized by most legislators and many capital insiders — may be only the first step.

However, here's a key point to keep in mind: Although the public may not be happy with the legislature and want change, most voters also think their own legislators are okay, and keep sending them back to Lansing.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

The same issues are affecting Lake Margrethe

To the editor:

I'm writing to remind everyone that a new spring has begun but the same issues affecting Lake Margrethe are still with us.

Talking with people around the lake, I am finding out that there are probably half a dozen previous and ongoing lawsuits. I urge us all as neighbors who just want what is good for the lake and want to enjoy the lake, (after all, isn't that why we are all here?) to work together to solve these problems without giving our money to the lawyers (no

offense if you are one), and tying up the courts.

There is a meeting of The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association at the Grayling Township Hall on May 21 at 9 a.m. Please attend, and join the LMPOA. You don't have to join to attend.

Please join the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 583, Grayling, MI, 49738.

Timothy Gignac
Royal Oak/Grayling

Letters to the Editor

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

VIEWPOINT

By Chris Nieman, Crawford/Roscommon Conservation District Forester

Fire Season Prevention

The risk of losing one's home

to wildfire increases as more people are choosing Northern Michigan as a place to retire or raise a family. More houses are

being built outside of city limits in the country and response

time from emergency agencies

takes longer as distance from

response centers increases.

Woodlot homes however do not

need to fall victim to wildfires.

Home owners can themselves

take steps that will greatly

increase their homes chance of

survival should a wildfire occur.

Fire is a chain with 3 links;

each link is dependent on the

other. For a fire to occur, all

three need to be present. The

first link in the fire chain is

Oxygen; this link cannot be

controlled by the homeowner.

However the next two links,

Fuel and Heat, can be.

By reducing one or both of these,

the homeowner can break the

chain and greatly increase the

chance of their home surviving

a wildfire.

Landowners should take the

following precautions to make

their home defensible against a

wildfire. Wood shake roofs

should be replaced with metal

or some other less combustible

material. Leaves should be

cleaned and covered as to

reduce the chance of ignition by

falling embers. Homeowners

should establish a "Fuel Break"

around their home and outbuildings. This reduces fuel for the

fire which also reduces the fire's

heat in a particular area. The

first 3 feet immediately sur-

rounding the home or any out

building should be used sparse

in fuel. Inorganic mulches such

as lava rocks and similar should

be used instead of woodchips. If

shrubs are planted in this area

they should be deciduous rather

than evergreens. Evergreens,

when dry, will burn with great

intensity. Finally, this area

should be cleared of leaves and

pine needles. These fine fuels

will readily ignite from sparks

and flying embers. Needles and

leaves should also be raked

from around decks and porches

and wooden walkways. These

suggestions are intended to

keep flames from coming in

contact with the house or out

building.

Homeowners seeking a

woody look for their house

placement are often reluctant to

remove trees from their yard

feeling that to do so would

detact from their scenery.

However, by reducing heavy

fuels such as trees from around

the home, will reduce the possi-

bility of home ignition from

radiant heat. Radiant heat from

an intense fire can ignite a home

from 33 feet away. Trees within

33 feet from the home should be

widely spaced so the trees

crowns do not touch. Lower

limbs can become ladder fuels

which allow the fire to travel

from the ground to the crown of

the tree. Lower limbs of trees,

especially evergreens, should be

pruned 6-8 feet, reducing the

chance for a fire to climb into

the crown of a tree. Hardwoods

would be a better choice for

planting rather than conifers in

this zone. Finally, within the 30

foot fire break, lawns should be

maintained. The lawn in this

area should be well kept, mowed, raked and watered. Pay

particular attention to grasses

around Liquid Propane tanks

and wood stacks. Wood stacks

burn very hot and once ignited

can take considerable time and

resources to control. Also fire-

wood should be placed 25 feet

from structures and fuel tanks.

If water or time is in short sup-

ply, native herbaceous ground

covers are a good alternative to

high-maintenance grasses that

requires frequent watering to

stay green.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders will be available. Everyone is welcome.

V.F.W. to celebrate Loyalty Day

The V.F.W. Post 3736 and Auxiliary will be celebrating Loyalty Day on May 1, at 1 p.m., at the flame in front of the court house. Public welcome.

Hearing to be held on reproductive health curriculum

The Crawford AuSable School District will be holding a public hearing to review the new requirements required by legislation and the changes and modifications proposed for the Crawford AuSable School District Reproductive Health Curriculum for grades K-12 on May 2, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary Media Center.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting at the American Legion Hall in Grayling on May 4, at 7:30 p.m. Poppies will be distributed at this meeting.

State Employee Retirees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, May 3, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Sheriff and Police to hold bike auction

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Grayling Police Department will be holding a bicycle auction. If you have lost a bicycle or had one stolen in recent years, please call the Sheriff's Office at 348-3214 and the Grayling City Police at 348-4621 with a description of the bike. Each office will check their inventory to determine if they have possession of your missing bicycle. All remaining bikes will be auctioned off on Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

American Legion Post 106 to hold elections

Elections of officers for the American Legion Post 106 will be held at 7 a.m. on May 9. Upon completion of the elections, there will be a short break and then resume for the routine business.

Michigan Button Society to hold spring show

The Michigan Button Society will hold their 2005 annual Spring Show on May 13 - 14 at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake.

This year's theme is "Just Wishin' I was Fishin' for Buttons." Members will bring theme trays for exhibit. It is so much fun making themed arrangements with buttons and just as much fun viewing them.

The showroom will be open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on May 14. Admission is \$3 for adults and children under 18 are free.

The public is invited to attend the button show and browse through the show room where several button dealers will have their buttons for sale. Visitors might find Victorian buttons, uniform buttons, modern buttons, children's buttons and pocket box buttons for crafters. A pocket box is where you poke around in a box of buttons, all for the same price.

Web site helps motorists avoid construction delays

Looking for quick information about Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) construction projects? MDOT advises you to consult its Lane Closure Report, a Web-based bulletin of closures and restrictions on state roads throughout the seven MDOT regions. You can search the site by county as well as by MDOT trunkline, and you can search either option by today's date or upcoming closures.

"The Lane Closure Report is designed to give Michigan residents and visitors as much advance notification as possible to help make their travels smooth, safe and efficient," said State

Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff. "We are committed to delivering the highest quality service possible, which includes keeping our customers informed of the easiest way to reach their destination."

The Web site is a convenient way for motorists to visit one source to get information about restrictions and lane closures affecting state trunklines (I, US or M designations) in all seven MDOT regions.

The Lane Closure Web site is available at www.mdot.state.mi.us/laneclosure, or from the MDOT home page at www.michigan.gov/mdot.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Mio Chapter Unlimited Banquet on Wednesday, May 4, at the Knights of Columbus, 225 6th Street, Mio. This special event will feature a dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

'Shop Grayling First' cards now available

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has again invited local businesses to participate in its main fund-raiser, the 'Shop Grayling First' discount card.

The new 2005 Shop Grayling First card, now available from any GPA member or at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, includes 73 participating businesses and a total of 311 money-saving offers. Cards are priced at \$25 each and offer a total savings of over \$2,000.

"On the average, it will take five offers to pay for your card. All the other times you use it is like cash in your pocket," said GPA chairperson, Linda

Golnick. "The card would make a great gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, bridal showers, and graduation."

The 2005 Shop Grayling First card's offers are valid from now until April 30, 2006, giving the holder more than a year of saving opportunities.

The GPA, whose mission is to promote the Grayling area and its many assets and attributes, has created the card to encourage residents and visitors to support local businesses, thus helping the local economy.

GPA will use all monies raised from the Shop Grayling First cards for its many community projects.

Red Cross announces March blood drive donors

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The Frederic Blood Drive held on March 3 had 18 donors. Larry Domiciky received a fourteen gallon pin. First time donor was David Munro.

Hard Bodyz Blood Drive held on March 7 had 23 donors. Receiving one gallon pins were Thomas Holcomb and Heidi Powers; two gallon pins, George Morse and an eight gallon pin went to June Savoie. There were five first time donors; Gerald Bular, Allen Kangas, Michael Powers, Jonathan Schultz and Pamela Williams.

The next Blood Drive will be Wednesday, May 4 at the American Legion, Grayling, noon to 5:45 p.m. Donors should drink extra water and fluids. (Caffeinated beverages do not count) 48 hours before blood donation to replace the volume of blood they will give.

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be on display in area

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is scheduled to be displayed at several parishes in Gaylord Diocese during the Knights of Columbus - Michigan State Council sponsored 57-day Rosary Pilgrimage in April and May. Local K of C Councils and Fourth Degree Assemblies are assisting communities as they prepare for and receive this world famous sacramental.

All presentations are open to the public so that everyone will have an opportunity to experience the wonder and beauty of the Pilgrim Statue at any or all of the stops along the two-month visit in Michigan, especially the five days in our area.

An enlightening talk of the Fatima miracles and the Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be given by the statue's custodian. Once a northern Michigan lumberjack, Carl Malburg, 64, now lives in Illinois and since accepting the role as curator of the Our Lady of Fatima Statue in 1993, he generously devotes thirty weeks each year to traveling with the statue. He speaks eloquently of the history of Our Lady of Fatima and the wooden Pilgrim Virgin Statue that has encouraged many to accept the graces of prayer and spiritual healing.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Gaylord Diocese Schedule:

On Saturday, April 30, Noon - 3 p.m. (prior to 4 p.m. Mass) at St. Mary Parish in Mio.

On Saturday, April 30, at 5 p.m. immediately after 4 p.m. mass, at Holy Family Parish in East Tawas.

On Sunday, May 1, noon - 3 p.m., at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 585 South Third Street, Rogers City.

On Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m., at Holy Family Parish, 402 West Peters Road, West Branch.

On Tuesday, May 3, at 1 p.m., at Sacred Heart Parish, 5300 North US-23, Oscoda.

On Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m., at St. Pius X Parish, in Hale.

On Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST
Leaves Grayling 5:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 3:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

LOVELLS
Leaves Grayling 8:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST
Leaves Grayling 8:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

M-72 WEST
Demand Response Service
Calls Worked In Between Other Runs
BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON
Leaves Grayling 7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:00 p.m.*
Leaves Grayling 2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 4:30 p.m.
*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Transportation dependent individuals requiring transportation for the purpose of accessing specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting:

Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**:

Scheduled For May 2005

Trip #1
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2005
Destination: Victories Casino - Petoskey
Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.
Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2005
Destination: Houghton Lake
Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"
Lunch & Shopping

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Etouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a seat
Departs Grayling: 11:00 a.m.
Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning
Special Event Trips
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Mill Town Festival.

To Request Information Concerning Expanded Services
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

Crawford Station Restaurant

Mother's Day Brunch

May 8, 2005
12:00 Noon to 7:00 pm

Carved Roast Angus Round of Beef
Carved Roast Peach Glazed Pork Loin
Spiced Chicken in Salsa with Coco and Coffee Beans

Caribbean style Beef Tips and Mushrooms

Shrimp and Broccoli Fettuccini

Pork Oscar with Asparagus and sweet Crab Meat

Ladled with our Hollandaise sauce

Parsley boiled potatoes

Key West Vegetable Blend

Make your own Waffle station

with an assortment of fruit toppings

Eggs and Omelets cooked to order

Corn Beef Hash and Poached Eggs

Chicken and rice soup, Breads, Crackers,

Butters and Spreads

Gourmet Bar with Sliced Fresh Fruit,

Assortment of Cheese, Veggie Tray.

Chilled Peel & Eat Shrimp

Chicken Noodle Soup

Toos salad greens with a variety of toppings,

dressings and house salads

Our grand line of desserts and featuring

an ice cream sundae bar

Adults: \$12.99 - Seniors \$11.99

Kids under 10 yrs \$1.00 a age

989-348-7611 or
800-292-9055
2650 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738



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The Bible Speaks

Humanist Manifesto I

Today we examine the foundational document of modern secular humanism as first printed in The New Humanist, May/June 1933 (Vol. VI, No. 3). Humanism was termed "religious humanism" and named as such 5 times in their first manifesto. In fact, the word "religion," "religions," and "religious" are repeated 32 times and interspersed equally throughout the document.

The goal of the document was clearly to establish a new religion: "To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present. It is a responsibility which rests upon this generation. We therefore affirm the following:" After setting forth 15 theses they conclude in their last paragraph: "So stand the theses of religious humanism."

First, they reject creation: "Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created."

Second, they believe in evolution: "Humanist believes that man is a part of

nature and that he has emerged as the result of a continuous process."

Third, they reject any spiritual aspect of life. "Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected."

Fourth, they believe all religion and culture evolved within the environment.

Fifth, they reject "any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values." Therefore, they conclude, "Religion must formulate its hopes and plans in the light of the scientific spirit and method."

Sixth, they reject all religious past. "We are convinced that the time has passed for theism, deism, modernism, and the several varieties of 'new thought.'

Seventh, Religion deals with humans. "Nothing human is alien to the religious....The distinction between the sacred and the secular can no longer be maintained."

Eighth, Religious humanism's social passion is for the

full development of human personality in the here and now.

Ninth, Instead of worship and prayer, humanists express their emotions in support of personal and social well-being.

Tenth, "It follows that there will be no uniquely religious emotions and attitudes of the kind hitherto associated with belief in the supernatural."

Perhaps by examining the first two-thirds of this document the evidence will appear overwhelming that Humanism started out as a religion and seeks to destroy all other religions. The U.S. Supreme Court in *Torcaso vs. Watkins* (1961) identified Secular Humanism as a religion along with theistic and other non-theistic religions.

For 72 years Humanism has attacked our faith, our families, and our heritage! Pastor "B"

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Church Directory

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GRAYLING GLASS COMPANY Ken & Carol Taskey 503 McClellan • Grayling 348-6641	GRAYLING BIG BOY RESTAURANT Stop in after church for brunch 348-7654	HOLIDAY INN 2600 I-75 Bus. Loop South Grayling 348-7611
COMFORT CENTER "We Furnish the Comfort... the Rest is Up to You!" The Miracle Mile Grayling • 348-2961	JANSEN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. Complete Insurance Service 348-6711 237D S. I-75 BL • Grayling	MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT "McDonald's and You" Breakfast served until 11 a.m. on Sundays I-75 Bus. Loop Grayling, Ph. 348-2269
DON KERNSTOCK LICENSED BUILDER New Home Construction Remodeling • Garages 348-8945 • Grayling	DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH INC. Garage Doors Windows Since 1980 348-5426	HON. ALTON T. DAVIS Circuit Court Judge
MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE 348-6371 201 James, Grayling	STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS 605 Huron • Grayling	

Christian Science Society 209 First St., Suite 103 • Gaylord (989) 732-7001	When "Less is More"	Calvary Baptist Church Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor M-72 West
Sunday Service 10:30 am April through October 7 pm Sunday School 10:30 am		Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm
Michigan Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Robert Schoehals 400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974 Website: www.mmuinc.org Barrier Free		Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11 am (Childrens Available during 11:00 service) Bible Study (Wed.) 10:30 am		Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613 In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on
Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Jeff Arthur Phone 989-275-1061 Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable on M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) Saturday Church Service 9:30 am Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm		TV 29 & 8 7:30 am Sunday Classes 10:30 am Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday Evening 6 pm 1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service
Levells Community Chapel (Bible based & non-denominational) Pastor Larry Hawkins Associate Pastor Tim Faunce 8113 Bald Hill Rd. • Levells 989-246-2701		Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am Morning Worship 11 am Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm		Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor Lyle Stader 211 Shellenberger St. • 348-5325
Free Methodist Rick Seward - Pastor 6552 (M-72 W) • 348-9093		Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm
Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am Morning Service 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm		Sunday School 10 am Sunday Service 10 am
Emma Lowry United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship 11 am Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am		Sunday Morning Worship 10 am Sunday Evening Worship 11 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Heritage Baptist Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411 1841 Hartwick Pine Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm		Calvary Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor Terry Coffey 705 Madsen St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Grayling Assembly of God Pastor Gary Wolden 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Paxton 348-7466		Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm
Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Service 6 pm Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed.) 7 pm		Sunday School 9 am Sunday Service 10 am
The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message 7662 Kelly Ave. Frederic Sunday Worship 10 am		Lorraine Baptist Pastor James Durfee 2247 Durfee Lane
Worshipers By The Lake (East of Ralph MacMullan Conference Center) Worship with us in a beautiful outdoor church (989) 821-9474		Sunday School 10 am Sunday Morning Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 11 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Sunday Worship 11:00 am		Harvest Time Church of God Pastor Fred Coates 505 North Birch St., Kalkaska • (231) 259-3442
First Baptist Church of Frederic Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm		Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed.) 7 pm
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Sunday Worship 11:00 am		Unity Church of Today North Terry Dickenson, Minister Virtual Church - an Email Bible Study available at lived@freeweb.net
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Sunday Worship 11:00 am		The Reformation Community Center Sunday School 9 am 410 South St., Roscommon, MI
First Baptist Church of Frederic Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm		Princeton Church A Christian Reformed Ministry New Deal Church, Roscommon 415 Old North, Roscommon
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OBITUARIES

Majorie K. Messiter

Nov. 23, 1925 - April 22, 2005
Majorie K. Messiter, 79, of Grayling, died April 22, 2005, at Grayling Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Marge was born on November 23, 1925 to Harold and Mary Kistler in Stubenville, Ohio.

Marge was a summer resident of Lake Chitaqua, New York, during her high school years while attending Virginia Intermont Academy in Virginia. Upon graduating from Shadyside Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she practiced as a Registered Nurse in New York. Moving to Ormond Beach, Florida, in 1957, she raised her family until 1975 when moving to Boca Raton, Florida. Marge was the Director of Nursing at Ft. Lauderdale Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and also at Mederi Home Health in Delray Beach, Florida, until her retirement in 1996. She and her long time companion of 30 years, Max Tobin, moved to Grayling in 1999. She will be remembered for her honesty, humor and candor and certainly for her love of animals. Marge made large monetary donations to several animal societies and conservational funds.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Mark and Scott.

She is survived by Max Tobin, of Grayling; one son, Christopher Messiter, of Boca Raton, Florida.

There will be a 'celebration of life' memorial at her home on Saturday, April 30, at 3 p.m. The family asks that in lieu of flowers or donations, that they attend the memorial.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home of Grayling.

Harold M. Babbitt

May 10, 1918 - April 22, 2005
Harold M. Babbitt, age 86, of Grayling, died April 22, 2005, in Gaylord. He was born on May 10, 1918, in Grayling, to Richard and Pearl Babbitt.

Harold was a lifelong resident of Grayling. He was a member of the Heritage Baptist Church, of Grayling. He married Edna Babbitt on December 24, 1949, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Babbitt, of Grayling; 3 daughters, Helen King, of Portage, Michigan; Vickie (William) Berner, of Frederic; Michelle (Carter) Pavey, of Frederic; two sons, Raymond Babbitt, of Grayling; Murray (Polly) Babbitt, of Frederic; James Barclay, of Florida; William Barclay, of Grayling; Wayne (Betty) Barclay, of Texas; 21 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services were held on April 23 at Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic. Military honors were accorded by American Legion Post 106 and the Michigan National Guard. Family suggests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home, of Grayling.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 24 of \$25 each: Mike Higgins, Lynn Starr and Harry Love.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winner of \$100 for the week of April 22 - Crawford County Deputy Sheriff Association #230.

The Ole Barn

6811 M-72 West, Grayling - 348-8999

ENTERTAINMENT

April 29 "Detour"

April 30 Beach Party w/ "Detour"

Thursdays - Karaoke

Fish Fry, Prime Rib,

B.B.Q. Ribs, Full Menu

Catering - Take Out Available - Booking Parties & Events

Loretta E. Dandy

Aug. 9, 1927 - April 23, 2005
Loretta E. Dandy, 77, of Grayling, died April 23, 2005, at her home. She was born on August 9, 1927, in Wayne, to Henry and Olga (Prieskorn) Gilm.

Loretta was a resident of Grayling for the last 39 years. She attended school in Wayne and graduated in 1945. She married Robert Dandy on June 29, 1949, in Wayne. They moved to Grayling in 1966. She was an avid bowler who enjoyed sewing, knitting and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Dandy, of Grayling; one daughter, Lynn (Frank) Johnson-Robbins; four sons, Craig (Kathleen) Dandy, of Grayling; Mark (Dawn) Dandy, of Waters; Brian (Kristine) Dandy, of Lewiston; Ralph (Rebecca) Dandy, of Grayling; one sister, Ruth (Richard) Lattimore, of Plymouth; one brother, Henry (Carol) Gilm Jr., of Melbourne, Florida; one sister-in-law, Doreen Gilm, of Lansing; fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Edward Gilm.

Memorial services were held on April 25, 2005, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling with Reverend Robert Schoenhals officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Michelson Memorial Youth Group Fund.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home of Grayling.

Donald Weaver

May 26, 1928 - April 19, 2005
Donald Weaver, "Pete," age 76, of Frederic, died April 19, 2005. He was born on May 26, 1928 in Frederic, to Otis and Alice Weaver.

Pete was a retired bus mechanic for the Crawford AuSable Schools. He was married in Dearborn on January 26, 1954 to Mary (Docia) Weaver.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Docia) Weaver, of Frederic; one daughter, Donna (Kevin) Hunt, of Gaylord; two sons, Donald "Butch" (Sheri) Weaver, of Frederic; David Weaver, of Annapolis, Maryland; one brother, Bob (Sally) Weaver, of Frederic; one sister, Alma (Mitchell) of Frederic; 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Thomas Phillips.

Mass was held by Father Robert Nalley on April 21, 2005. The family suggests donations be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home, of Grayling.

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Memorial services were held on April 23 at Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic. Military honors were accorded by American Legion Post 106 and the Michigan National Guard. Family suggests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Edwin Allen

Sept. 28, 1932 - April 22, 2005
Edwin Allen, 72, of Beaver Creek, died April 22, 2005. He was born on September 28, 1932, in Hayti, Missouri.

Edwin owned and operated Allen's Professional Steam Service in the Roscommon area for 25 years. He married Patsy on May 24, 1958, in Watervliet, Michigan.

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"B" Honor Roll

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10th Grade

Zachary Baker, Alex Donaldson, Victoria King,

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Albion College

Albion College student Christopher Hodges has been elected kitchen steward for Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. "The entire fraternity chooses

All "A" Honor Roll

Hank Abney, Ali Ferrigan, Rachel Gibbs, Charles Hughes, Amanda Hulbert, Amanda Jackson, Ashley Jurkovich, Robert Ramaswamy, Tiffany Shinew, and Douglas Slater.

"B" Honor Roll

Mary Annabel, Megan Ballor, Jeffery Bancroft, Jonathon Bartha, Angela Bickmann, Ashley Bindschatel, Jessica Bobenmoyer, James Boylan, Michael Boylan, Alex Brackenbury, Megan Burrick, Joel Collin, Ross Crawford, James Crittenden, Derek Etzler, Nicholis Fitzpatrick, Theodore Gomez, Adam Goscicki, Glenn Hampton, Jeffery Harwood, Mitchell Hernandez, James Hilbrecht, Mallory Johnson, Jonathan Kane, Kyli Kurtz, Kelly Lange, Monica Leslie, Angel Logan, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Erica Mogg, Alexandra Mosel, Dennis Nelson, Candice Odden, Scot Olson, Nicholas Parkinson, Patricia Patterson, Nathan Peters, Jessica Phillips, Mandy Pittman, Justin Richle, Jacqueline Roberts, Jessica Sanfilippo, Matthew Seeley, Rachel Sells, Jamie Shaw, Cory Shear, Nicholas Steffey, Patricia Thompson, Ethan Tilson, Nicholas Tompkins, Adrianna Voelker, Michael Wesoloski, and Abby Wheeler.

11th Grade

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12th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll
Abdulrahman Almsawel, Tyler Cragg, Tracey Lewis, Jennifer Long, Joshua Millikin, Mallory Olson, Erica Parker, Tracy Payne, Amber Pindell, and Gibson Tobin.

Trisha Petersen, Darcy Shinew, and Toshua Wade.

"B" Honor Roll

Austin Andrus, Michael Barry, Todd Cardoza, William Coe, Kristie Cummings, Chelsea Curriston, Orland Damiani, Zachary Dean, Jacob Emmons, Alexandria Fedak, Ryan Feldhauser, Michael Flynn III, Jenna Frankowski, Toni-Jo Gasser, Jessica Golnick, Felicia Guyot, Dustin Harmer, Shane Hart, Zeke Hayes, Jessica Henderson, Michael Hoag Jr., Matthew Hough, Brittany Howard, Shantina Jacobs, Phillip Johnson, Ronald Johnston, Matthew Larson, Kimberly Long, Jamie Lucksted, Amanda Lutz, Joshua Mastej, Michelle McGuire, Joe Merchant, Mark Mikulin, Jessie Morley, Dustin Parsons, Elizabeth Pegouskie, Eric Persing, Anthony Powers, Drew Rasmussen, Tequila Rae Reynolds, Reagan Schmidt, Jill Seager, Matthew Smock, Andrea Southard, Jessica Thomson, Justine Tozer, Amanda VanNuck, Eli VanNuck, Cody Verlinde, Samantha Wakeley, Elizabeth Westman, Chelsea Wolcott, Andrew Woolsey, and Jamie Wyss.

Michigan State University

Michigan State University announces the following students from our area who received a 3.5 or better grade point average for the fall 2004 semester that ended in December. Lisa Leigh Adkison, of Grayling, majoring in Education. Lesley Anna Pollard, of Grayling, majoring in Anthropology. Monica Ann Sabin, of Grayling, majoring in Psychology. Keith Grant Troyer, of Mio, majoring in Civil Engineering.

Voters to cast school ballots

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• Precinct One - Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard.
• Precinct Two - Frederic, Maple Forest and Otsego Lake Township residents vote at the Frederic Township Community

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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for March 2005

Hon. John G. Hunter

Gregory Allen Alstrom, age 38 of Ossineke - License suspended/allow suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$815 or serve 81 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Brandi Don Frisbie, age 19 of Grayling - Person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor and minor with blood alcohol level of .02-.07 percent.

Melanie Anne Mateos, age 27 of Grayling - Retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$705 in fines or serve 70 days in jail; sentenced to serve 23 days in jail with credit for 13 days served.

Cindy Sue O'Connor, age 45 of Grayling - Retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Joseph Brian Armstrong, age 25 of Grayling - Grayling City Ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$460 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Mary Leona Smith, age 44 of Grayling - Retail fraud-second degree; ordered to pay \$945 in fines or serve 70 days in jail; sentenced to serve 30 days in jail with credit for 30 days served; placed on probation for 365 days.

James Michael Lorenz, age 21 of Mio - Assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$825 in fines or serve 82 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Jeffrey George Sikorski, age 44 of Grayling - Operated while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,355 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Codie Lynn Mayhew, age 20 of Westland - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in jail or serve 44 days in

jail.

Christopher Bryan Schlaff, age 29 of Grayling - Harboring runaway; ordered to pay \$355 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Jerry Arthur Balmes, age 25 of Grayling; Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 90 days in jail.

Myron Earl Farrier Jr., age 42 of Grayling - Controlled substance-possession of marijuana; ordered to pay \$805 in fines or serve 80 days in jail.

Robert Elmer Robbins, age 25 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$795 in fines or serve 79 days in jail.

Casey Jo Helsel, age 23 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail.

Zackery Joseph Guardado, age 19 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail.

Thomas Matthew Failing, age 19 of Grayling - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Michael Wayne Dixon, age 51 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Diane Marie Chatterton, age 38 or Roscommon - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$795 in fines or serve 79 days in jail.

Joshua Michael Witzak, age 20 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail.

Shawn Michael Lozon, age 21

of Grayling - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Minard James Harwood II, age 25 of Grayling - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,025 in fines or serve 100 days in jail; sentenced to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; placed on probation for 183 days.

Gordon Joe Swain, age 61 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Shawn Ryan Weatherly, age 19 or Roscommon - No proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$145 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Sean Allen Walsh Jr., age 17 of Grayling - Retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$475 in fines or serve 47 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Steven Douglas Steffes, age 19 of Frederic - License suspended/revoked-allow another person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Matthew Scott Waldorf, age 39 of Clinton Township - Drove while unlicensed/license not valid and no proof on insurance; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Louise Lowe, age 46 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked-allow suspended person to operate and no proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$360 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Thomas Lee Crandall II, age 19 of Grayling - Violation of license restriction and minor purchase/possess/consume alcohol; ordered to pay \$390 in fines or serve 39 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Mathew Maynard Lusk, age 19 of La Salle, Ontario; Person under 21-transport/possess in vehicle; ordered to pay \$160 in fines or serve 16 days in jail.

Charles Oliver Halfyard, age 18 of Grayling - Person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$370 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Darcie Elizabeth Lovely, age 20 of Grayling; Person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$160 in fines or serve 16 days in jail.

Matthew Maynard Lusk, age 19 of La Salle, Ontario; Person under 21-transport/possess in vehicle; ordered to pay \$160 in fines or serve 16 days in jail.

Douglas Michael Haner, age 32 Vero Beach - Snowmobile-operate while suspended-revoked/denied; ordered to pay \$190 in fines or serve 19 days in jail.

Monte Gerald Malonen Jr., age 26 of Grayling - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,105 in fines or serve 110 days in jail; sentenced to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served.

Donald Roger Baker, age 31 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Gregory Dale Byars, age 18 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

Jeffrey Scott Bates, age 35 of Flint - License suspended/revoked-allowed suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Magistrate Camarin Compton

Tyler Lee Sharpe, age 36 of Roscommon; License suspended/revoked-allowed suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

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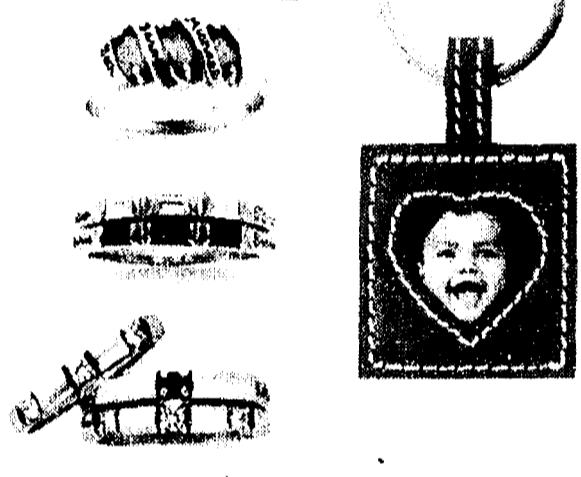
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Nothing is sketchy about Kirtland's reputation in the art world

Like an enthusiastic Little League coach during spring practice, Scott Rice shouts words of encouragement to a student over the bent heads of one of his painting classes.

"That's great - keep doing what you're doing. See how it softens that up?" says Rice, a Kirtland art instructor who has a knack for bringing out the talent of his students.

To another student he actually takes paintbrush in hand and adds a stroke or two to the work in progress. "See how it brings that out," he says, pointing to a feature on the canvas.

Never overbearing or too busy to help, Rice works his magic while juggling a semester schedule of no less than 15 class offerings, teaching students the fundamentals of drawing, painting and illustration.

Equally committed and no less talented is Joe Donna, the other half of the department's full-time staff, who teaches ceramics, sculpture and all types of photography on a schedule only equaled in pace by Rice's.

Together they give one-on-one instruction and guidance to hundreds of students every year, helping them prepare for a life of art beyond Kirtland, should they so choose.

And after getting their start at Kirtland, many of them do.

"Their program is definitely above average," said Elizabeth Hawkins about Kirtland's art department. Hawkins is an admissions officer for Kendall College of Art and Design, a highly respected art school which is part of Ferris State University and located in Grand Rapids. The school is well known for not only the quality of students it produces, but the quality of students it accepts.

"Students coming out of Kirtland are top notch," Hawkins said. "They not only have the creative skills to achieve what they want to achieve, but they're intelligent, polite and courteous as well."

Hawkins knows this first-hand as many of Kirtland students have passed through her doors over the years.

And several more are soon heading her way.

Mary Rach, of Roscommon, is currently a candidate for an associate's degree in fine arts at Kirtland. She recently received the

maximum merit scholarship of \$12,000 to study visual communications at Kendall.

Timothy Tubbs, of Grayling, is also a candidate for an associate's in fine arts and he received a \$9,000 merit scholarship from Kendall to study illustration.

And two local high school students who are dual-enrolled at Kirtland have been accepted to Kendall and recently placed first and fourth in Kendall's high school senior scholarship competition. Lisa Dosson, of Roscommon, received a \$10,000 merit scholarship and \$6,000 for her fourth-place finish, and Anthony Neal, of Grayling, received the maximum merit scholarship of \$12,000, as well as \$18,000 for his first-place finish.

The competition is only open to high school seniors accepted at Kendall. To enter, each student displayed three of their best pieces to be judged - for the six scholarships available.

"This year, Kendall tripled their normal competitors to have 107 students eyeing the top rewards," Rice explained. "So to have our two representatives taking two awards - especially first place - speaks well of us."

And these aren't the only Kirtland art students making a splash.

Jeff Sarrach and Supurina Jackson, both of West Branch, have earned scholarships to attend the Center for Creative Study in Detroit, a nationally ranked art school.

Sarrach recently earned his associate's degree in graphic design from Kirtland and has received a \$5,500 competitive scholarship and a \$5,500 merit scholarship to study animation. While Jackson, a candidate for an associate's degree, received a \$3,500 merit scholarship to study in the Center's crafts department.

"Both colleges are extremely impressed with our thorough foundation and complex assignments," Rice said. "But just as we are, they are more impressed by the dedication of our students."

Across the country, the face of the average college student is aging, and Kirtland's student population is no exception. Kirtland's art department has drawn its share of talented adults as well.

Berniece Southworth, of Roscommon, who Rice describes as an "adult interest student," has had one of her watercolors,



Kirtland Community College art instructors Scott Rice (left) and Joe Donna use their own talents to inspire hundreds of students every year, many of whom move on from Kirtland to make art their career.

"Glass on Glass," accepted into the annual Michigan Watercolor Society Exhibition, which is being displayed this year at the Crooked Tree Art Council in Petoskey, from May 7 to June 10.

She's just one of many older students who have found inspiration in the Kirtland art department. Look for it soon as a link on Kirtland's Web site, www.kirtland.edu.

But students aren't the only ones contributing to the art community. Donna maintains his status as juror for both the Harrisville Art Show and Tawas High School Art Show. In addition, he is co-curator for the college's own AuSable Valley Fine Art Exhibition which is unveiled Saturday, May 21, during the Kirtland's Warbler Festival on campus.

Rice will be the juror for the fourth annual juried fine arts exhibition hosted by the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts. At the same time, he has earned gallery representation from the Knox Gallery, a national chain catering to bronze sculptures and fine art paintings. Currently, his watercolor series, "The Travels of Dr. Dennis Thavenet," is on display at their Harbor Springs location and soon he'll be sending artwork to their Naples, Fla., Beaver Creek and Denver, Colo., and Napa Valley, Calif., galleries.

In order to highlight some of the fine work being created by both the students and faculty, Kirtland's art department is hosting two

The faculty show features works by art instructors Joe Donna and Scott Rice, as well as part-time faculty Kathy Neff, Fran Ludington, Leda Daykins and Jason Sales. It is on display now through Thursday, April 28, at the Kirtland House on campus. A closing reception for the show and a chance to meet the faculty is set to take place April 28 at the Kirtland House from 6-8 p.m.

The student art show takes place Thursday, May 5, in the art department, from 6-8 p.m. Last semester, more than 300 viewers admired the works in animation, ceramics, computer-generated images, design, digital communications, drawing, illustration, painting, photography and sculpture.

Both shows are open to the public and offer refreshments.

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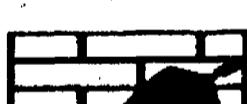
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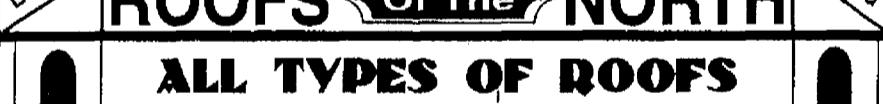
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Students clean the city park on Earth Day



Grayling Middle School students from Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Wagner's classes participated in Earth Day activities on April 22 by cleaning up the Grayling City Park. Pictured L to R: Waylon Brusch, Brady Coe and Mike Jozwaik.

Plans for the 4th of July celebration is underway

The Independence Day celebration will be held on Monday, July 4, 2005.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Carl W. Borchers Post 3736, Grayling, is organizing the parade which will begin at 11 a.m. on Michigan Avenue. This year's theme will be "Marching

in hope of our troops' safe return home." Line-up will be on Lake Street starting at 10 a.m. The parade committee is accepting applications for participation until June 25. For more information contact Bonnie L. Poll at 348-2139 or Bill Borchers at 348-7183.

Following the parade there will

be festivities at the Crawford County Museum on Michigan Avenue.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will start their celebration activities with the opening of their concession stand at 11 a.m. in the Grayling City Park. There will be music and live entertainment throughout the day. The

day will include many activities and contests for children, teens and adults such as: karaoke, limbo, hula hoop, dancing, arts and crafts and assorted games. The free fishing contest for kids ages up to 12 years old will begin at noon.

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Kirtland's smallest academy class receives plenty of one-on-one instruction

Graduation is set for April 29

In a country where many college students feel like numbers – nameless faces lost in the swell of huge lecture halls – members of Kirtland's 20th Regional Police Academy class are having just the opposite experience.

"There's nowhere to hide," said Dustin Johnson, a 21-year-old cadet from Gladwin who will graduate Friday, April 29, as one-fifth of Kirtland's smallest police academy class to date. "Being part of a small class was good, but then again – it wasn't."

The one-on-one instruction was great, but it was also tough," agreed classmate Chris Pollard, also 21, from Hillman. He said for classroom instruction, that student-teacher ratio may have been ideal, but when applied to things such as physical training, it led to some pretty grueling workouts.

Don't get the impression the cadets of this class – all men – ever took to complaining, however. These are the five who made it through the grueling 17-week academy – another five dropped

out within the first several weeks. And all five found their way to Kirtland to fulfill a lifelong dream – to work in the field of law enforcement. They expected it to be hard and were not disappointed.

The academy is modeled after military training and includes equal doses of scholastic and physical training, as well as marksmanship, self defense and other areas in which an officer needs to be well versed. It is one of the few programs in the state certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, or MCOLES.

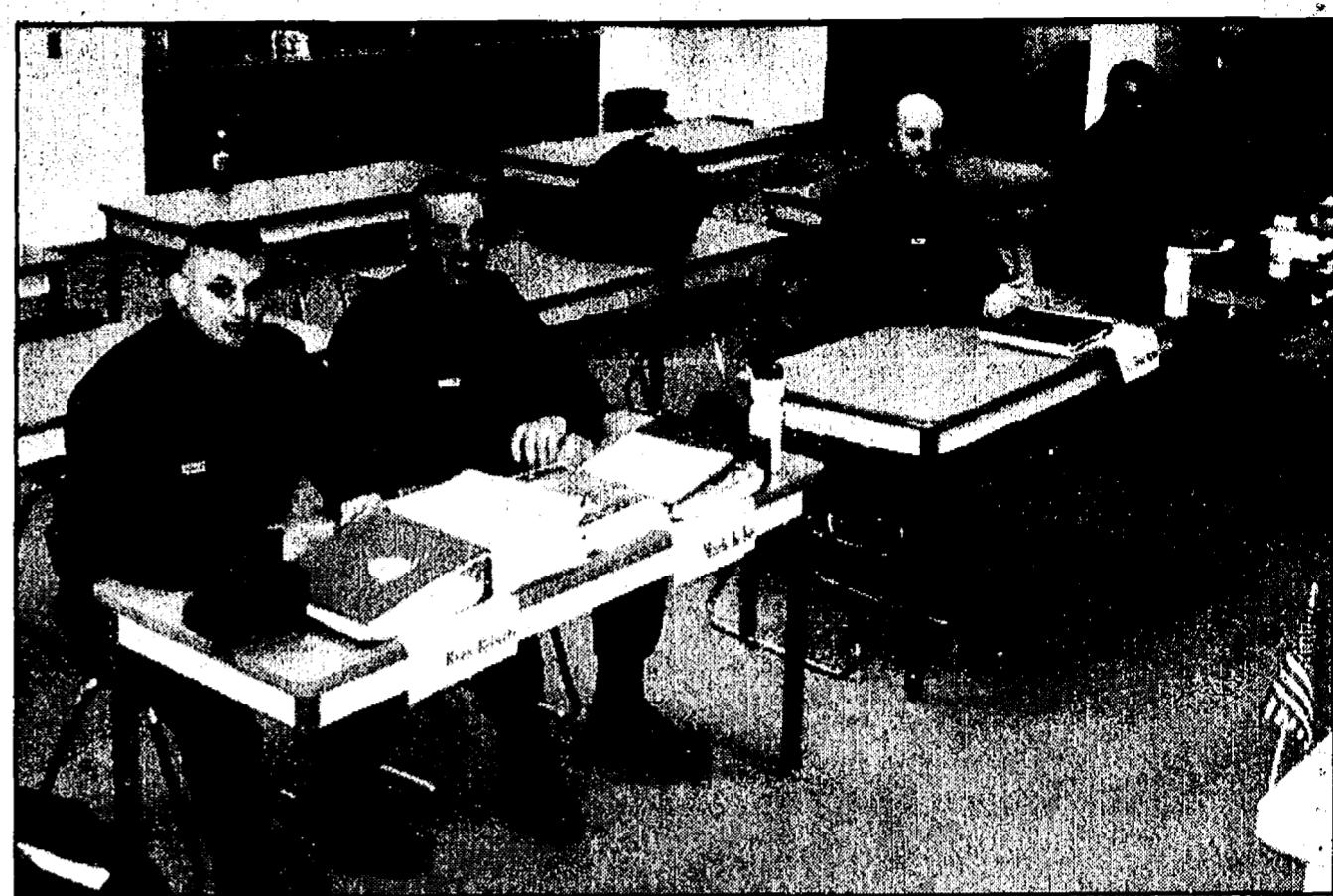
The cadets' training even goes so far as to include a blast to the face with pepper gas, so they'll have first-hand experience of exactly what it does to the victim should they ever have to take such measures on the job. On that lesson it was unanimous – all five members of the class agreed that the pepper gas experience was the most horrible of the academy.

In addition to Johnson and Pollard, the class consists of Mark Kelso, 21, of Flint; Ryan Roberts, 21, of Alanson; and Trevor Storms, 28, of Alpena.

Kelso, who said he was never a trouble-maker, seems to have been drawn to the profession by the positive image of police officers.

"They are people who seem to have their heads on straight," he said.

Roberts, another fifth of the crew, is having his law enforcement training sponsored by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, of which he is a member. A 2002 graduate of Petoskey High School, he has a job with the tribal police force waiting for him. He begins Monday, May 2, and said the majority of the 11 officers he'll



Every seat is a front-row seat for members of the 20th class of Kirtland's Regional Police Academy. The five cadets, who graduate April 29, make up the smallest class ever. They are (l-r) Ryan Roberts, Mark Kelso, Trevor Storms, Dustin Johnson and Christopher Pollard.

be working with are also Kirtland graduates. When he can, he'll be trying to finish his criminal justice degree at North Central Michigan College.

For Storms, the oldest of the five, the trip to Kirtland was a bit more roundabout, but probably offered the easiest transition. A 1995 graduate of Alpena High School, he joined the workforce before pursuing a criminal justice degree from Alpena Community College. He is also a member of the Army National Guard and returned in July from a 10-month tour of duty as an infantryman on Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. He went from the infantry, to the police academy which began in January.

The military played an indirect part in Pollard's decision to enroll at Kirtland. He gives credit to his father, a retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, who

gave him the courage to make his dream happen.

"He always inspires us to do our best, to work our hardest – he always shows this great moral fiber," Pollard said of his father's influence on him and his siblings.

Pollard said he will enroll at Lake Superior State University in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree, with the hope of being accepted into the next class offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Division – his dream is to become a conservation officer.

Each of the cadets is ready and eager to take the next step after graduation, even though after 17 weeks in a classroom for five they're bonded as brothers. But, as Johnson said with a laugh, "At this point, we probably know too much about one another."

Everyone is invited to attend the April 29 graduation ceremonies which are being conducted in the Kirtland Center for Performing Arts, on the Kirtland campus, beginning at 11 a.m. A reception follows in the Student Center.

Academy Director Jerry Boerema and Kirtland President Dr. Charles Rorie will address the graduates. Cadet Pollard has been elected to speak for the class. Academy Coordinator William Cook and members of the faculty will present special awards in recognition of outstanding achievement and Dennis Halverson, chief of police for the Charlevix City Police Department, and Chief James St. Louis of the Midland Police Department will present the MCOLES award. For further information, call 989-275-5000.

Grayling Promotional Association honors Hannan for the cultural events series

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) honored R.J. Hannan on April 21 for his commitment to the community for providing the cultural events series.

Hannan worked through the Crawford AuSable Schools with this series until 2003 when funding was cut. At that time the GPA approached Hannan to continue the series through their organization. "It seems like a perfect match to promote Grayling through this series," said Betty Bennett, GPA member and past-president. "Businesses in our community have supported this series for years and we did not want to see it end, so our organization decided to team up with Hannan and continue forward."

Hannan announced to GPA

that he had plans on retiring this year. At that time GPA decided to continue with the series with a little guidance from Hannan.

The 2005-06 Grayling Promotional Cultural Entertainment Series will be kicked off in September with Mary Liz McNamara performing. "Last year this was a sell-out event," said Linda Stephens, committee member. "There were many community members that missed the show because it was held in February when the snow birds were gone. So by popular demand we are bringing her back while the snow birds are still in Grayling."

The Cultural Entertainment Series Committee are in the process of scheduling the upcoming series and will have schedules and tickets available

this summer.

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through the Grayling Chamber of Commerce.



Grayling Promotional Association member Carolyn DiPonio presented R.J. Hannan with a clock plaque recognizing him for his dedication to the arts over the past 30 years in Crawford County.

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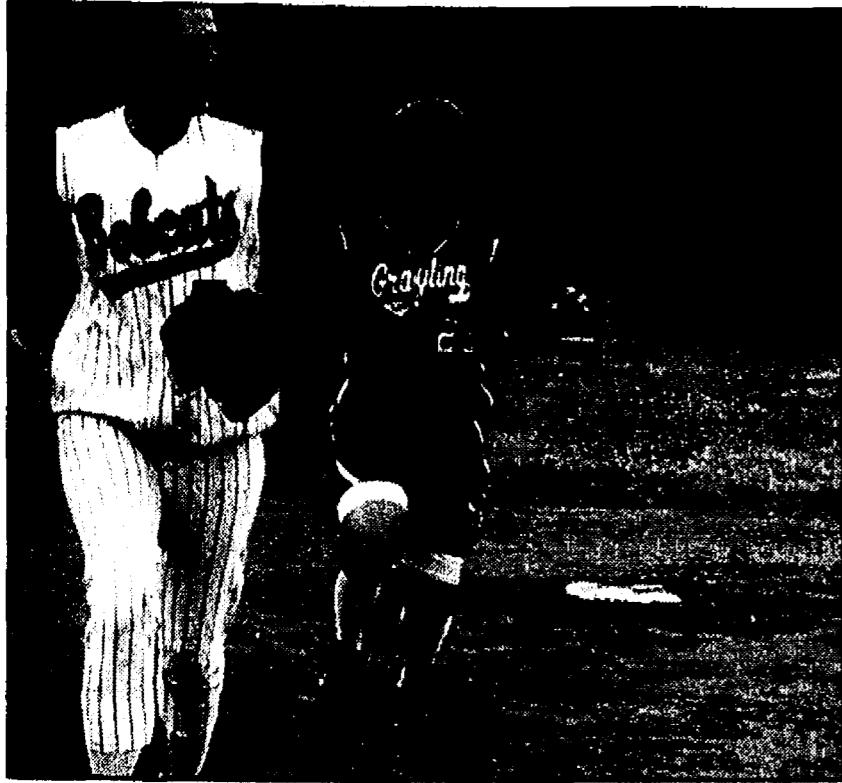
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Ashley Prosser runs from second base to third in Wednesday's series vs. Houghton Lake.



Second baseman Angeanette Lovely gets ready for a pitch on Wednesday.



Catcher Jessica Henderson looks a runner back to first base on Monday.

Softball team sweeps Bucks, Bobcats

Vikings defeat Roscommon 10-0, 15-5 on Monday, April 18

■ Grayling wins Houghton Lake series 5-2, 14-1 on Wednesday

Grayling High School's varsity softball team won all four of its games last week, posting two victories over Roscommon on Monday and defeating Houghton Lake in both games of a doubleheader on Wednesday.

On Monday, the Vikings beat the visiting Roscommon Bucks 10-0, 15-5 at GHS.

In game one, pitcher Chelsea Wolcott tossed a complete game shutout, scattering five hits in the contest. Wolcott also picked up the win in game two.

Offensive leaders for Grayling included: (game 1) Wolcott, 3 for 4, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Katie Bayham, 3 for 3 (2 doubles), 4 runs scored, 1 stolen base; (game 2) Jessica Henderson, 3 for 3, 3 runs scored, 1 walk, 2 stolen bases;

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Photos by Caleb Casey

Chelsea Wolcott pitches for Grayling in game one of last Monday's doubleheader vs. the Roscommon Bucks.



Kelly Dunckley runs from second to third base during Monday's series against Roscommon.

Baseball team splits with HL

■ Grayling wins game one vs. Bobcats 6-5 in extra innings

In two doubleheaders at GHS last week, Grayling High School's varsity baseball team split with Houghton Lake and lost two games to Roscommon.

On Wednesday, the Vikings won game one of the series vs. Houghton Lake 6-5. DJ Metzler pitched the first six innings for Grayling, scattering five hits. Derek Etzler pitched the seventh inning in relief and picked up the win.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Etzler, 4 for 5, 4 stolen bases (SB), 2 RBI, 2 runs scored; Gibson Tobin, 3 for 3 (1 triple), 1 walk, 1 RBI, 2 SB, 1 run; Metzler, 1 for 4 (double), 1 RBI; Josh Mastej, 2 for 4; JC Schneider, 1 for 4; Ronnie Johnston, 2 for 3 (1 double);

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Soccer squad hosts Boyne City

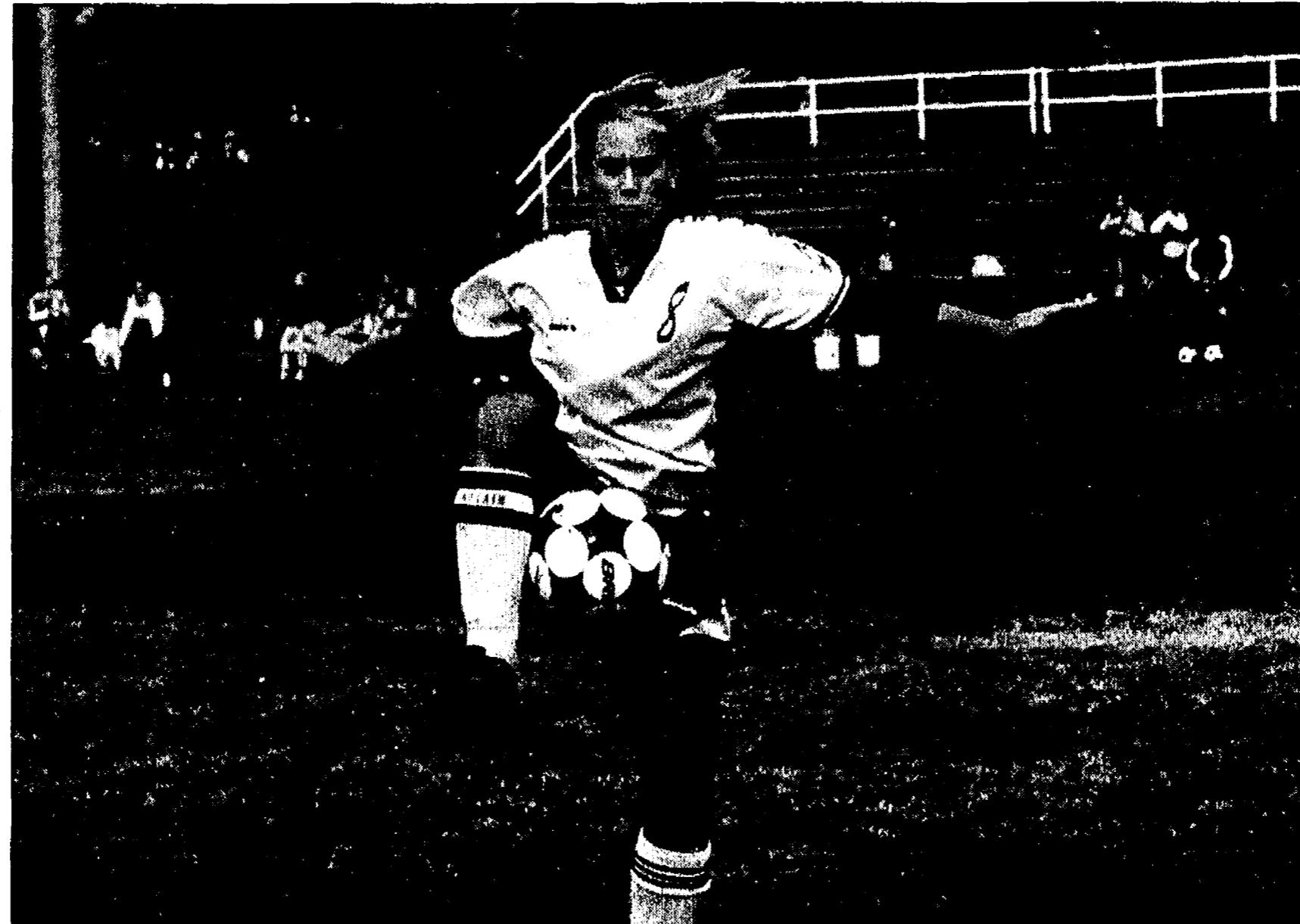


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Casey Mahaffy handles an airborne ball for the Vikings in last Wednesday's home game vs. the Boyne City Ramblers. For more on the soccer team, see Page 5B.

Golfers edge Bucks 210-216

■ Vikings win meets vs. RHS and Petoskey last week

Grayling High School's varsity girls golf team opened its 2005 season with victories over Petoskey and Roscommon last week.

On Tuesday, the Vikings defeated the Northmen of Petoskey by 18 strokes at Grayling Country Club in the squad's season opener.

"It's always great to start a golf season off with a win," Coach Rebecca Brown said. "Seventy-nine degrees at tee off time on our home course was also a definite bonus. The highlight of the opener was Kristi Calkins. She chipped in once and parred holes 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9 to end up with a 43. The most impressive aspect of her game Continued on Page 3B

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Jessica Henderson (left) and Katie Baynham (right) bat for the Vikings vs. Houghton Lake on Wednesday.

Softball team sweeps Bucks, Bobcats

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Angeanette Lovely, 2 for 3, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; Wolcott, 1 for 3 (double), 2 runs scored.

"We came out swinging and that made all the difference. Mentally, we were relaxed and focused. These wins were a big confidence booster for us going into the Houghton Lake game," Coach Keri Brock said.

In game two, "We gave up three runs early on. Instead of folding the girls chipped away at the lead and shifted the momentum. Jessica Henderson really stepped up for us tonight with a few key hits and sacrifice bunts," Coach Brock said.

On Wednesday, Grayling won 5-2, 14-1 vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats in a series played at GHS.

Wolcott, Grayling's pitcher for game one, struck out four and allowed only three hits. In game two, Baynham pitched for the Vikings. She struck out nine batters and surrendered two hits.

Offensive leaders for GHS vs. Houghton Lake included: (game 1) Kelly Dunckley, 2 for 4, 1 RBI, 1 run scored; (game two) Baynham, 2 for 2, 4 runs scored, 2 walks, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base; Lovely, 3 for 3, 2 runs scored, 3 RBI; Wolcott, 3 for 4, 1 RBI, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base.

"I can't explain how proud I am of these girls. They came out and took control early on and never backed down," Coach Brock said. "Our pitchers - Chelsea and Katie - really put us in a great position, giving up

only five hits on the night. Defensively we kept the ball in front and made plays and that's all I can ask as a coach."

"To be successful you need

good leadership and our upper-classmen proved themselves tonight. They were vocal and led by example," Coach Brock said.

Grayling's four wins last week

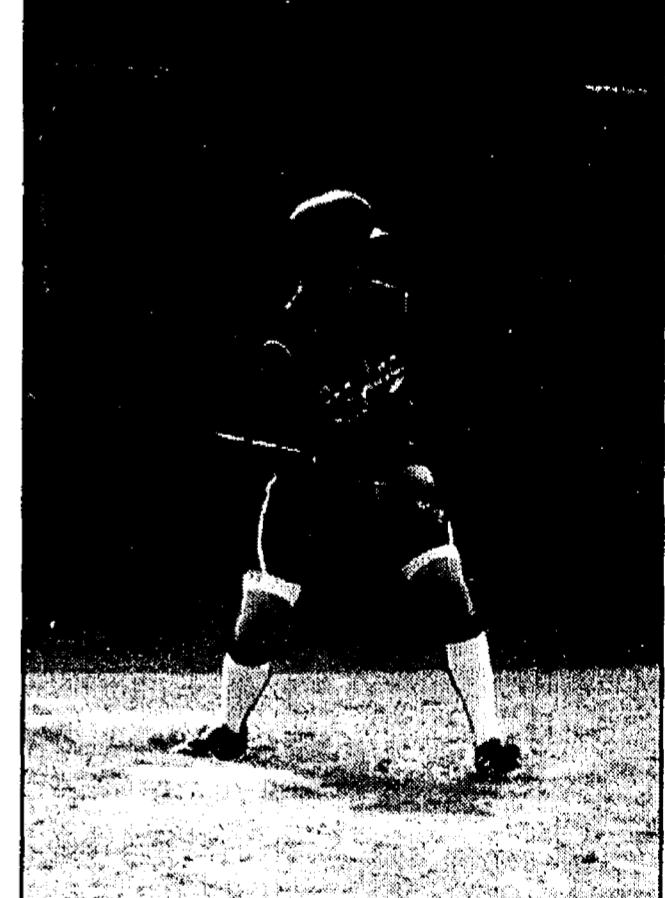
improved the squad's season record to 4-4.

The Vikings will host Kalkaska on Monday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m.

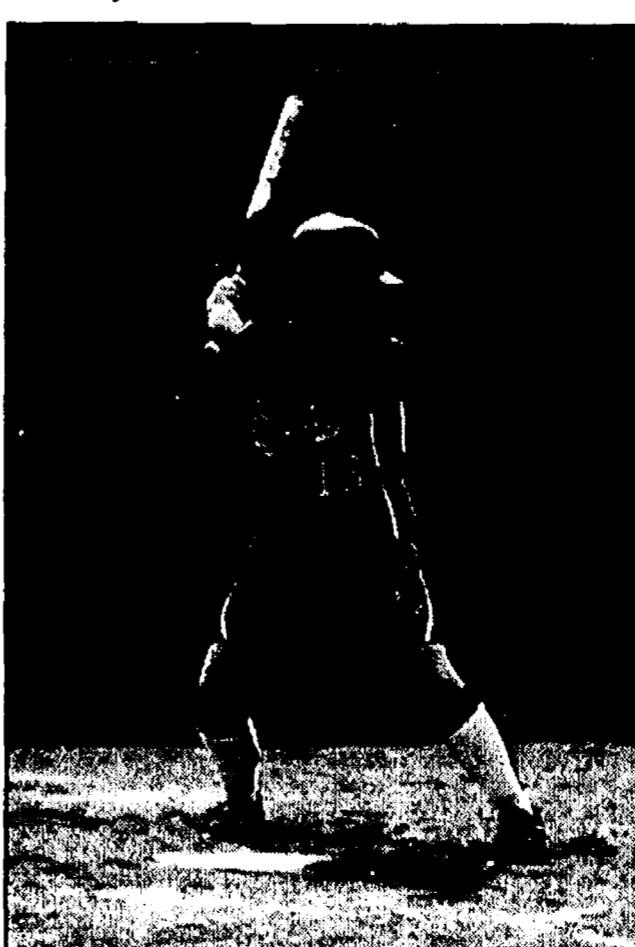


Photos by Caleb Casey

Chelsea Wolcott makes contact with the ball in Wednesday night's series against Houghton Lake.



Monica Peters (top left), Audrey Alimenti (top right), Megan Etzler (bottom left), and Ashley Bindschadel (bottom right) bat for GHS in last Monday's varsity softball doubleheader vs. the Roscommon Bucks.



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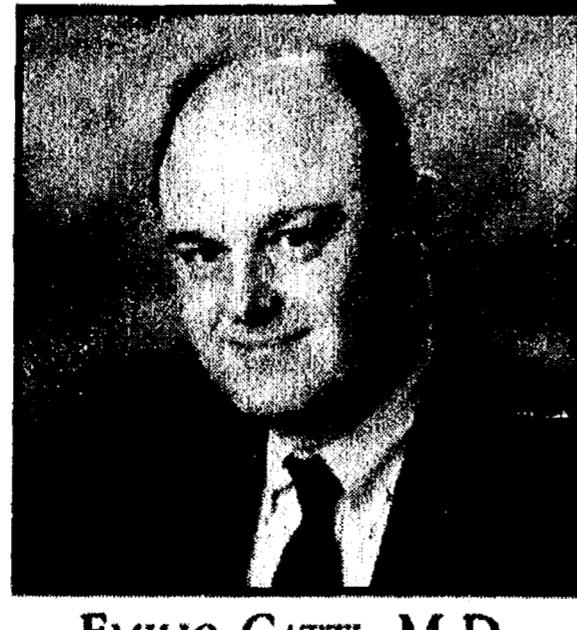
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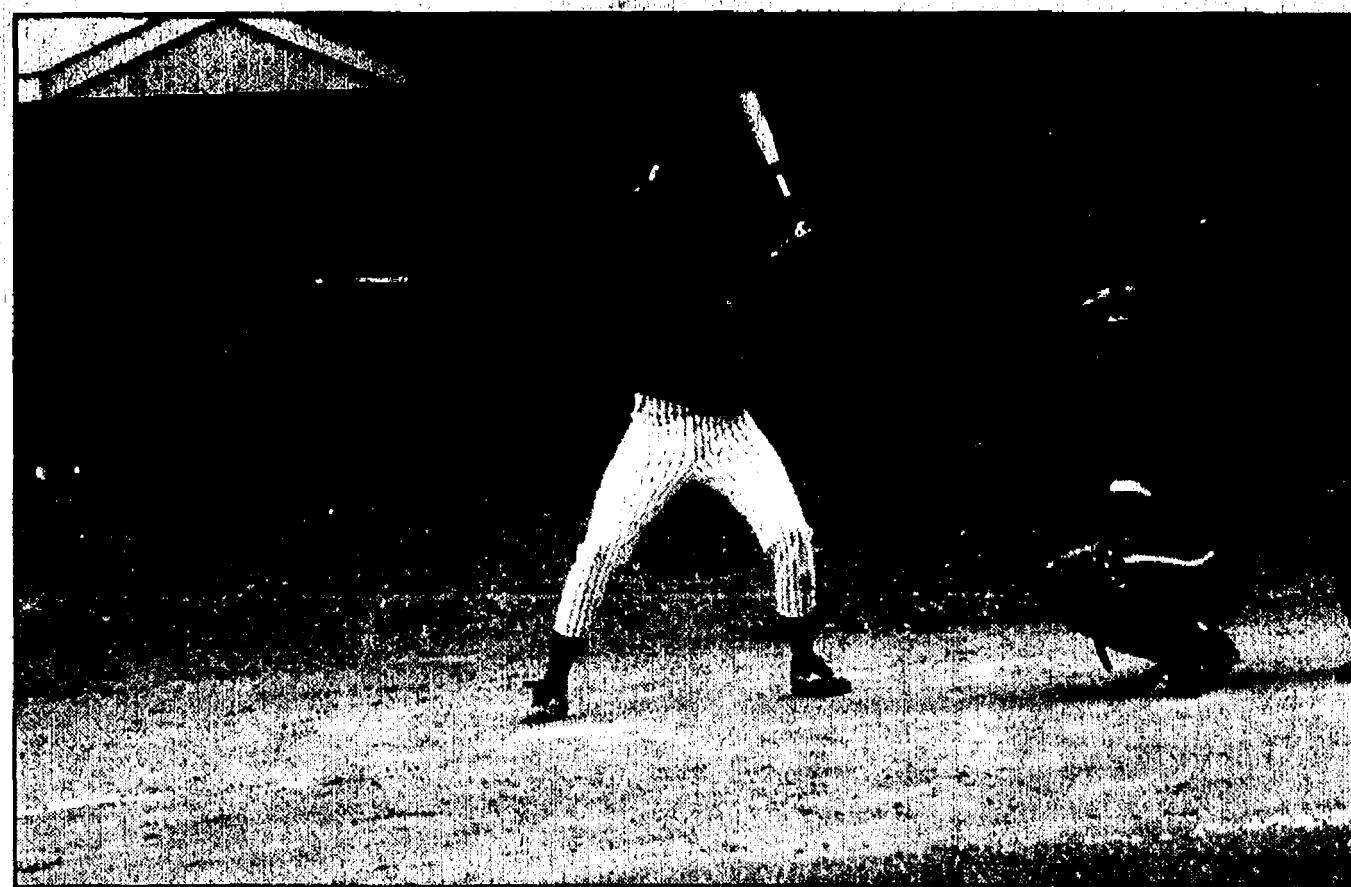
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Richard Schreiber pitches for Grayling in last Friday's series vs. Onaway.



Rocky McNamara bats for the Vikings vs. Onaway on Friday.

JV baseball team plays at Jo-burg

The Vikings of Grayling High School lost two JV baseball games at Johannesburg-Lewiston last Wednesday by scores of 14-2, 6-1.

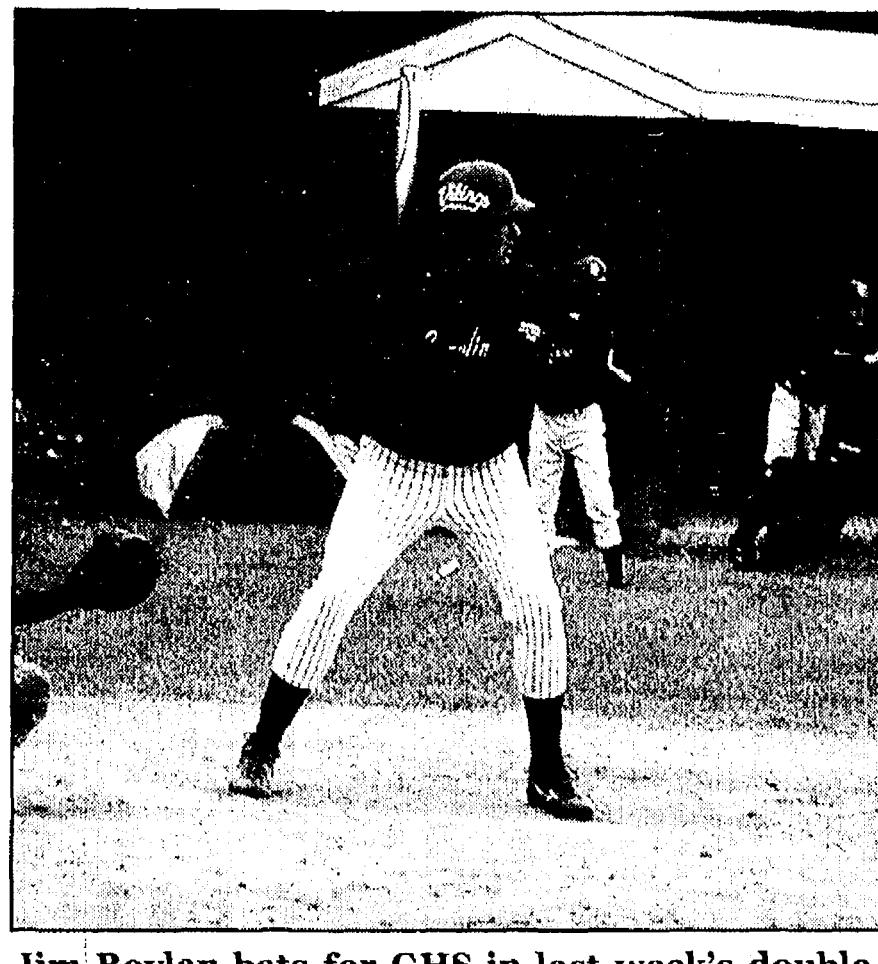
"We fought back from a tough loss in game

one with some good pitching by Jacob Reynolds and some key stolen bases by Josh Stapleton, Rocky McNamara, Ethan Neuberger, Lucas Pippin, Chris Wells, Jim Boylan, and Andy Hulbert," Coach Ben

Dehoog said.

In game two, Reynolds struck out eight batters for the Vikings.

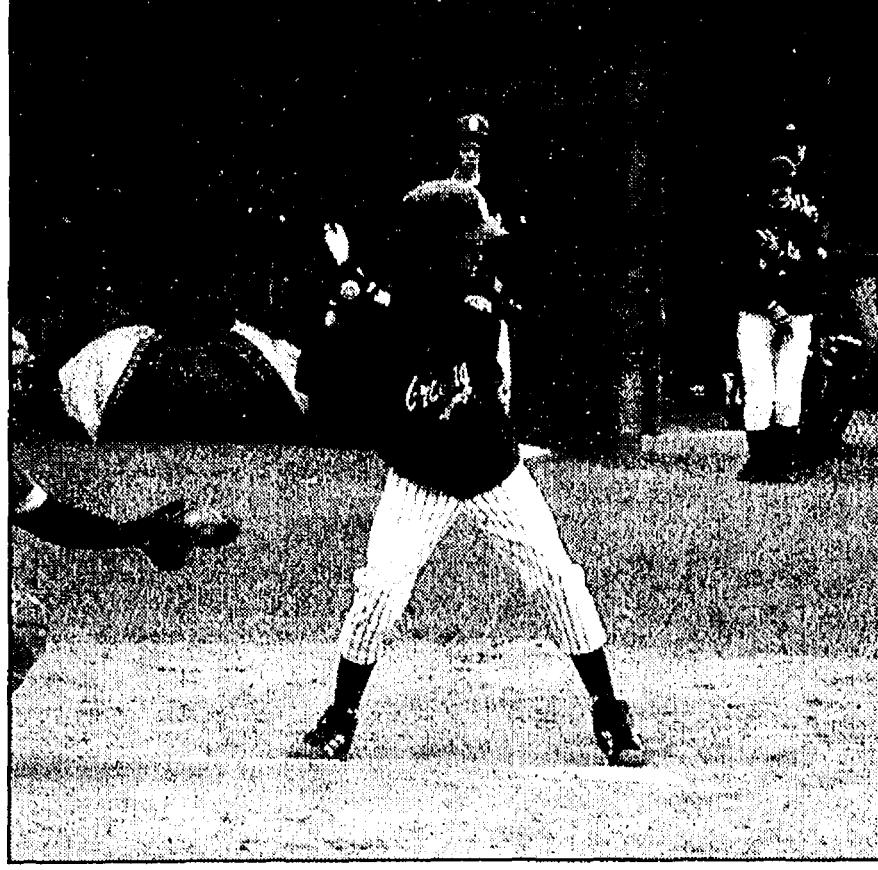
The JV Vikings host Elk Rapids on Friday, April 29.



Jim Boylan bats for GHS in last week's double-header vs. Onaway.



Mitch Hernandez takes a lead at first base in Friday's series against Onaway.



Brian Mastej bats for the JV team.



Lucas Pippin leads off at first base.

Track team places 2nd at TC meet

■ Vikings win 800m relay and 1600m relay race events

In a four-team conference track meet at Traverse City St. Francis last Monday, Grayling High School's varsity girls track squad posted a second place team score and won two relay race events.

Elk Rapids won the meet with 68 team points, followed by

Grayling at 55, TCSF at 50, and Kalkaska at 38.

"The team has made great improvements in a week," Coach Belusar said. "I am very proud of them."

Placements for Grayling included: Jessi Riddle, Katie Zill, Ali Ferrigan, Erica Moggo, 2nd, 3200m relay; Justine Tozer, 2nd, 100m hurdles; Krystal Babbitt, 3rd, 100m dash; Annie Melroy, 4th, 100m dash; Babbitt, Jamie Hagerman, Jamie Pinkelman, Adrianna Voelker, 1st, 800m

relay; Rachel Doremire, 5th, 1600m run; Babbitt, Cassie Pizzi, Katie Murray, Voelker, 2nd, 400m relay; Angie Martella, 3rd, 400m dash; Ferrigan, 4th, 400m dash; Tozer, 2nd, 300m hurdles; Pinkelman, 3rd, 300m hurdles; Voelker, 2nd, 200m dash; Hagerman, 3rd, 200m dash; Pizzi, 4th, 200m dash; Sarah Henderson, 2nd, 3200m run; Doremire, Pinkelman, Zill, Ferrigan, 1st, 1600m relay.

The Vikings will compete at Harrison on Friday, April 29.

Golfers edge Roscommon 210-216

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was her composure following a 10 on #1. She crushed her next drive and parred #2 - that's great control for a freshman athlete."

"We also saw pars on #1 and #8 from Mallory Olson and Abby Wheeler parred #1. Many of the girls shot their personal best and gave themselves a baseline to work toward improving. We have work ahead of us but it will be a strong season for GHS if we maintain focus and work ethics," Coach Brown said.

On Thursday, the Vikings

defeated Roscommon by a final score of 210-216 at Fox Run Country Club.

"Fox Run proved challenging with tough greens and sand traps. Justine Benford gave the Bucks a great edge with an outstanding round of 40. The depth of the Vikings made the difference. The Vikings in positions five and six were still out when we were down by one stroke. Either Jessie Morley or Nicole Reyes needed to come in shooting less than our #4 finisher at 57. Jessie came through with a 50," Coach

Brown said. "Golf is great in that way. Even when an individual posts a great score, it ultimately takes a team effort to win. It was a great week for us and we have the desire and determination to keep improving - individually and as a team."

Scores for Grayling included: Morley, 50; Wheeler, 50; Calkins, 55; Samantha McMaster, 55; Olson, 57; Reyes, 58; Erica Parker, 58; Alexis Elmy, 89.

The golf team will host Roscommon on Monday, May 2, at 4 p.m.



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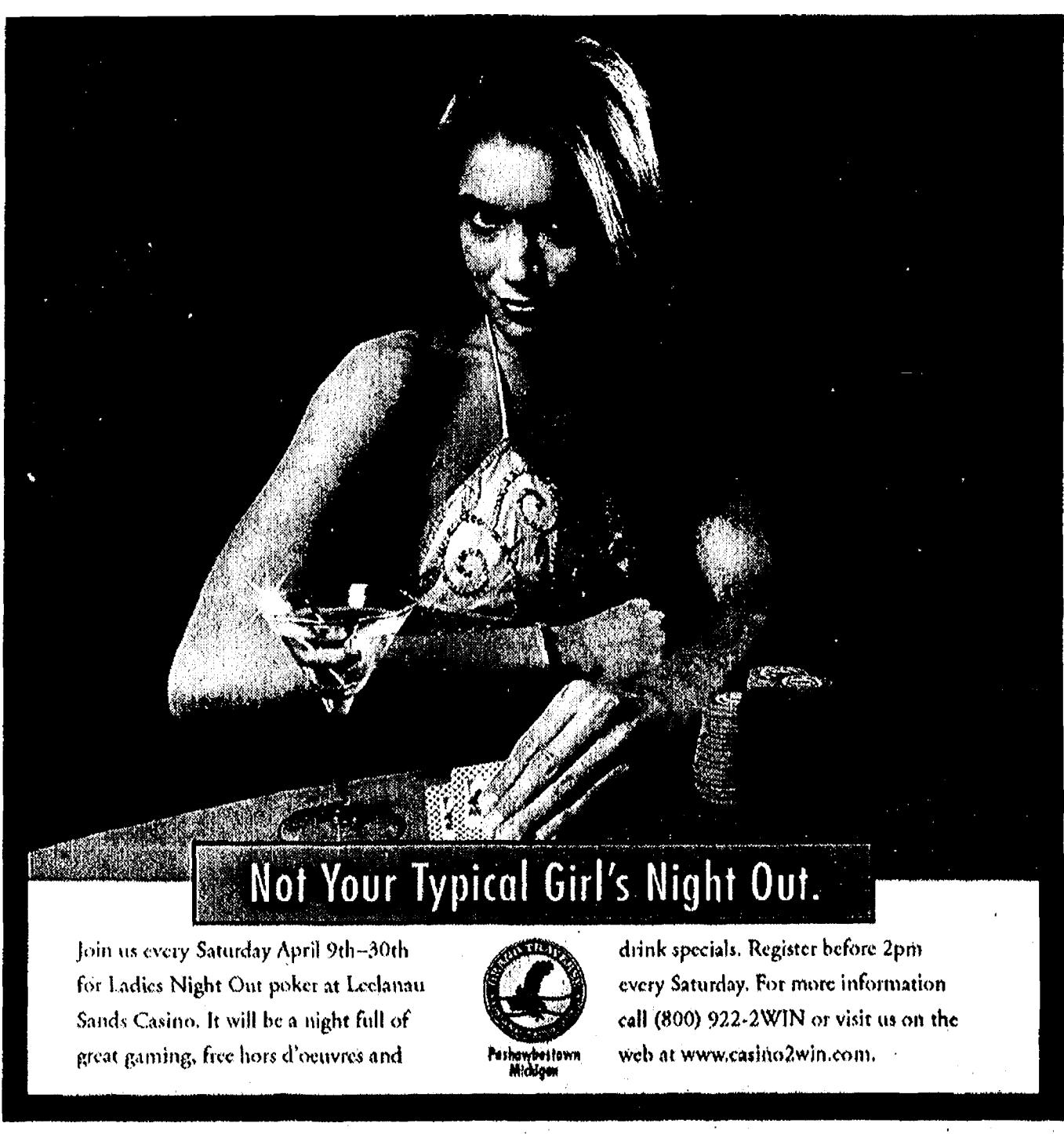
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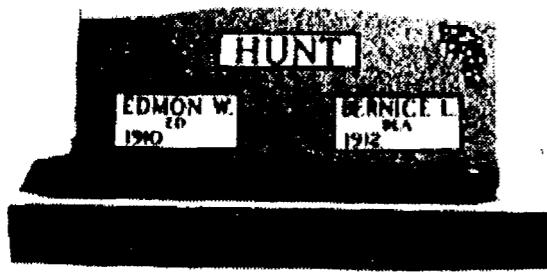
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ANNOUNCING

ROBERT TOWNSEND, DO
Internal Medicine



Robert Townsend, DO, has joined the staff of Munson Healthcare as a specialist in Internal Medicine. A graduate of Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Townsend completed his residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, OH. Dr. Townsend will practice at the office of Todoroff Internal Medicine with Charles Todoroff, MD, and is currently accepting new patients.

308 E. Michigan Ave.
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For more information or an appointment, call **(989) 348-4445**.

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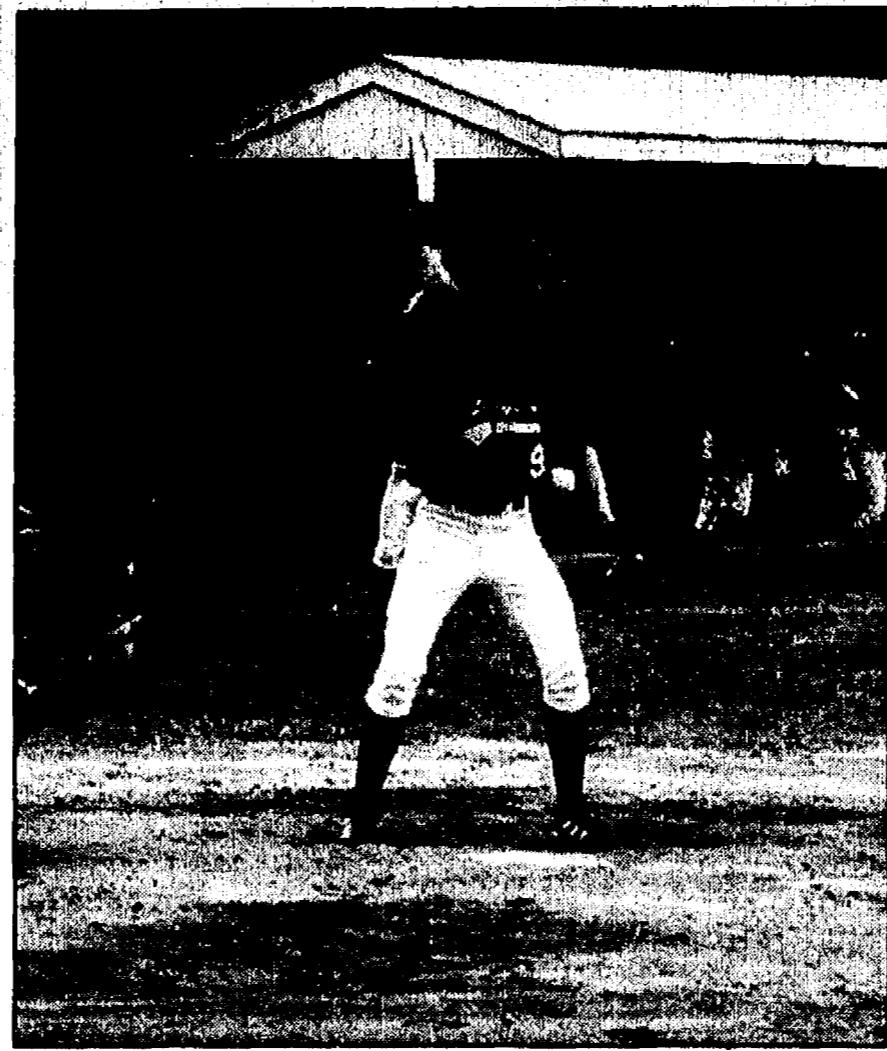
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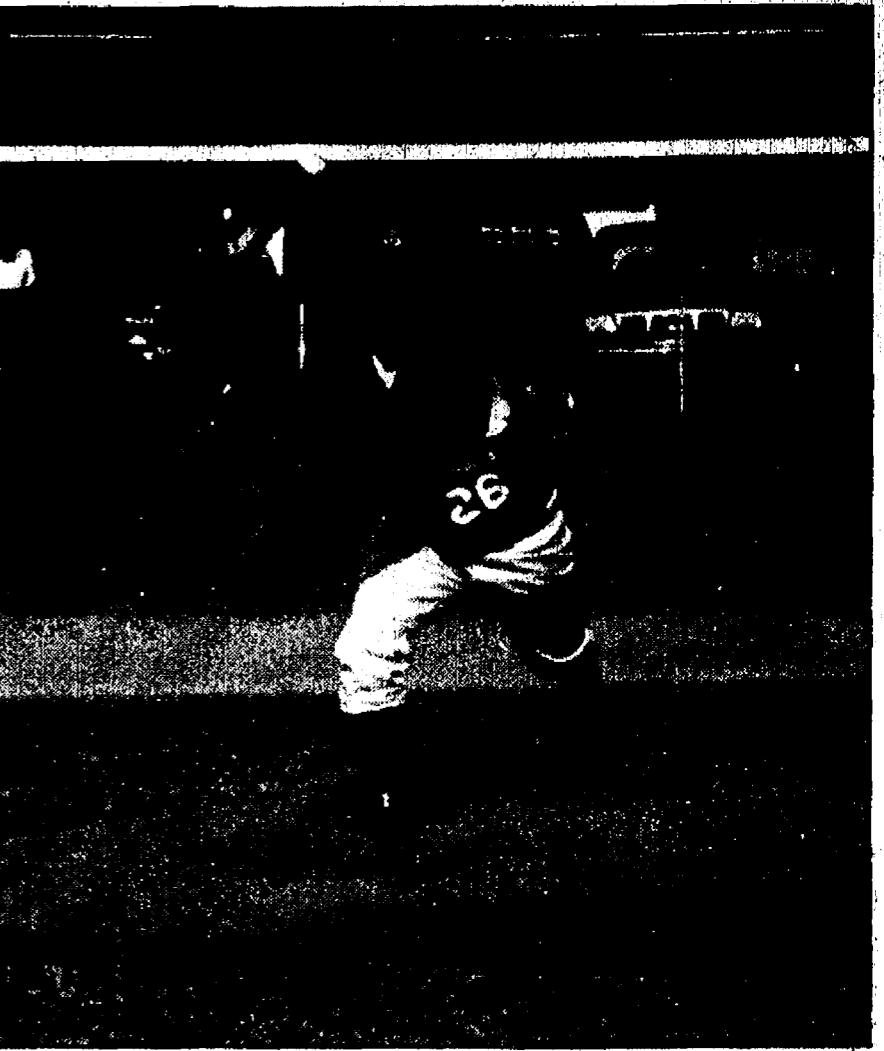
Has joined our practice accepting patients with dentures and removable partial dentures.

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Arthur P. Kerle, D.D.S.
5653 Walker Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-2626



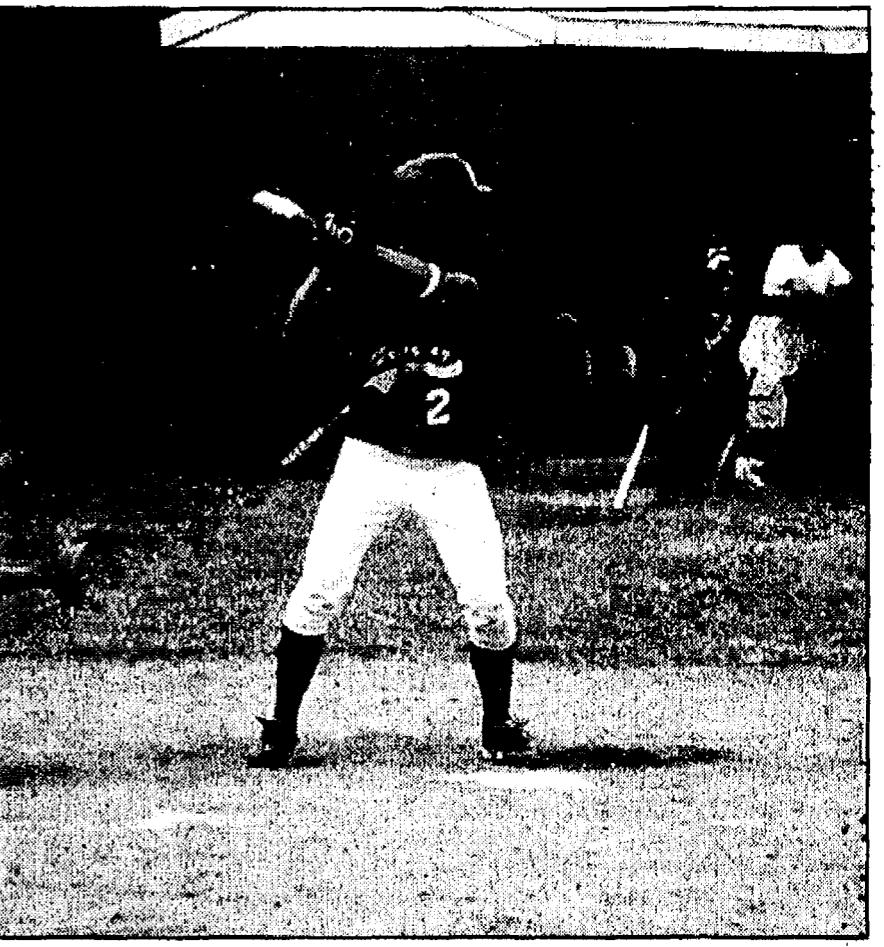
Alex McNamara bats for Grayling in Wednesday's series vs. Houghton Lake.



DJ Metzer pitches for GHS against Roscommon on Monday night.



Derek Etzler rounds third base in Wednesday's series against the Bobcats.



Eli VanNuck bats for the Vikings on Monday vs. Roscommon

Baseball team splits with HL

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Derek Johnston, 2 for 4 (1 double), 1 RBI, 1 run; Ryan Feldhauser, 2 for 4, 2 SB, 1 run; Alex McNamara, 1 for 4, 1 RBI.

The Bobcats of HL won the second game of the series 13-6. Etzler and Schneider both pitched three innings for GHS.

Offensive leaders for Grayling included: Etzler, 1 for 4, 1 run; Tobin, 1 for 3, 2 runs, 1 SB; Metzer, 2 for 4, 3 RBI, 2 SB, 2 runs; Mastej, 2 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 run; Schneider, 1 for 3, 2 RBI.

"Our bats finally woke up today and DJ Metzer pitched well enough to help us win the first game. Derek Etzler came in during the extra inning and shut down Houghton Lake so that we could win in the bottom of the seventh. Etzler had four hits, four stolen bases, two RBI, and two runs in the victory. Gib Tobin also announced his presence with authority going three for three with a triple and two stolen bases. Josh Mastej, Ronnie Johnston, Derek Johnston, and Ryan Feldhauser each had two hits in the first game," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Our second game did not go as well. We have just enough arms to be competitive in all of our first games of these doubleheaders. We simply do not have enough pitching for four games in three days. Houghton Lake is

in our district this year and I was pleased with how we competed against them. They are a lot like us as they also have a pitcher who broke his wrist before the season started. So we both may be completely different teams when the district tournament comes around," Coach Brock said.

On Monday, the Vikings fell to Roscommon 11-1, 13-5 in a series at GHS.

In game one, Etzler threw four innings and Schneider pitched one. Metzer and Schneider pitched for the Vikings in game two.

Leading hitters for GHS vs. the Bucks were: (game one) Etzler, 1 for 3, 1 SB; Tobin, 1 for 3 (double), 1 SB; Metzer, 1 for 3, 1 SB; Mastej, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 SB; R. Johnston, 1 for 1 (double), 1 walk; Eli VanNuck, 1 for 2 (double), 1 SB; (game two) Etzler, 1 for 3, 1 run; Tobin, 1 for 2, 1 walk, 1 SB, 2 runs; Metzer, 3 for 3 (1 double), 1 SB, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Mastej, 2 for 3, 3 RBI; Schneider, 1 for 3; McNamara, 1 for 1.

"We will take some good things and bad things from this doubleheader. My 1-4 hitters showed up to play today but the rest of the lineup really struggled. Josh Mastej led our hitting today with three hits and four RBI. DJ Metzer was his usual

self, picking up four hits on the day. Gib Tobin and Derek Etzler also had hits in both games," Coach Brock said. "Still, we had way too many errors in the field to be successful. Give Roscommon credit though. They put the ball in play and hit it hard against us all afternoon. Etzler, Metzer, and JC Schneider pitched for us today but it was pretty frustrating as we gave up more unearned runs than earned



Gibson Tobin runs to third after hitting a triple against Houghton Lake on Wednesday.

runs. The LMC games start up next week and we will need to correct these mistakes if we want to compete for the league title."

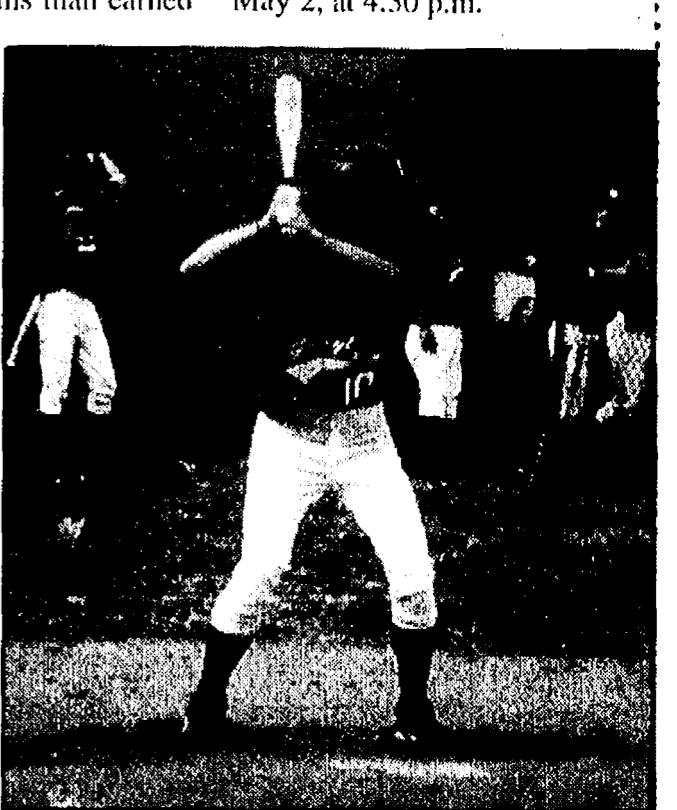
The Vikings are 2-6 so far this season.

Leading hitters to this point are: Etzler, .526 (10/19); Metzer, .450 (9/20); Tobin, .368 (7/19); Mastej, .364 (8/22).

Grayling will host the Kalkaska Blazers on Monday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m.



In Monday's doubleheader vs. Roscommon, TJ Luke (left) leads off at first base and Ryan Feldhauser (right) bats for the Vikings.



Soccer team falls to Boyne 2-0

The GHS varsity girls soccer team lost to the Boyne City Ramblers 2-0 in a game at Grayling High School on Wednesday.

"We played a very good game. A few mistakes cost us," Coach John Haven said. "Our ability to move the ball around is getting better, but we're still struggling with converting opportunities into shots on goal."

On Monday, the Vikings lost to Gaylord 3-0 at GHS.

Grayling fell to the Roscommon Bucks 5-0 in a game at RHS on April 15.

"Despite the score, we played

a lot better. The score was 1-0 at the half. We spent more time on their end of the field than in other games. We had four shots on goal," Coach Haven said.

On April 14, the Vikings lost to TC Liberty 5-0 at Traverse City's T-Bays fields.

"Our team is starting to pull together," Coach Haven said. "We are showing improvement."

On April 12, the Vikings opened their 2005 season with an 11-0 loss to a strong Harbor Springs squad.

"(Harbor Springs is) always a tough team, very disciplined," Coach Haven said. "It was the

first time our entire team was on a full field without snow."

Goalkeepers June Clark and Alyssa Farrell - both seniors playing their first season of soccer - combined for 52 saves in the first five games of the season. "They are both doing very well considering they've never played before. They have a lot of intensity," Coach Haven said.

"We continue to improve with each game," Haven said. "I'm looking forward to the next few games."

The Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Jessie Baker fights for a ball in last week's game against Boyne City.

Basketball programs to host golf outing

■ Event to be held on May 14 at Fox Run Country Club

Grayling High School's boys and girls basketball programs are now accepting registrations for 4-person teams in their 2005

Grayling Basketball Golf Scramble, an event that will raise money for both programs. The scramble will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. at Fox Run Country Club.

The fee for the golf outing is \$220 per 4-person team. The fee includes 18 holes of 4-person scramble golf, lunch, and a

chance at winning door prizes.

"The money raised will be used to send our basketball players to camp and to purchase equipment that will help us build a successful program," event organizers said.

To sign up for the May 14 event, complete the attached form and send it (with payment) to the address listed.

GRAYLING BASKETBALL GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

1. _____ 2. _____

Captain

3. _____ 4. _____

Phone # of captain _____

Send To: Rich Moffit, Grayling High School, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738

Make Checks Payable: Grayling Basketball

Any questions contact LJ Mead [275-8415] or Rich Moffit [821-7371]

HONORS

Gibson Tobin, a senior at Grayling High School, has been selected to play in the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Class A/B All-Star

Game on Saturday, August 6. The game features 26 of the top players in Class A and B.

"This is a great honor for GT and hopefully he will represent

the north well when he plays this summer," said Rich Moffit, GHS boys basketball coach.

Tobin will attend Central Michigan University next year.

Heads Up North

Vikings of the Week

Varsity Baseball
Coach: Ben Brock
DEREK ETZLER, DJ METZER & GIBSON TOBIN

"Derek had a 4-hit, 4-stolen base game in a win vs. Houghton Lake. He also pitched the extra inning and picked up the win in the process. His season batting average is now .526 and he is continuing to get better as a sophomore. DJ pitched well for us this week and also continues to crush the ball. He had a 3-hit game vs. Roscommon and is our team leader on and off the field. His season batting average now stands at .450 and that is without getting anything good to hit. Gib has broken out of his slump and turned into the player that he should be. He has hits and stolen bases in every game this week. Gib is becoming a more disciplined player at bat and in the field and he can only get better," Coach Brock said.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Varsity Softball
Coach: Keri Brock
ANGEANETTE LOVELY

Angeanette was 3 for 3 with 1 walk, 2 runs scored, and 3 RBI in game two of the Houghton Lake series on Wednesday.

Holiday Inn

Viking of the Week

Girls Golf
Coach: Rebecca Brown
KRISTI CALKINS

Kristi had an outstanding season opener last week. She led the Vikings to an 18-stroke win over Petoskey on Tuesday by leading all scorers with a 43. She also helped Grayling secure a 210-216 victory over Roscommon on Thursday.



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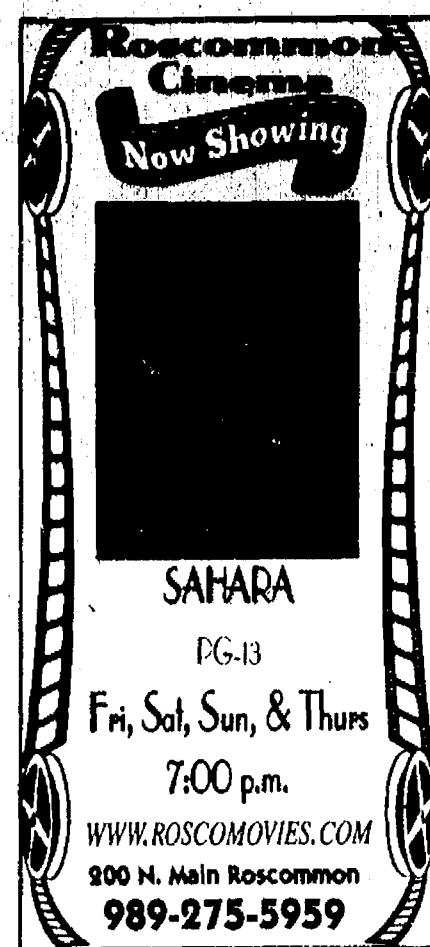
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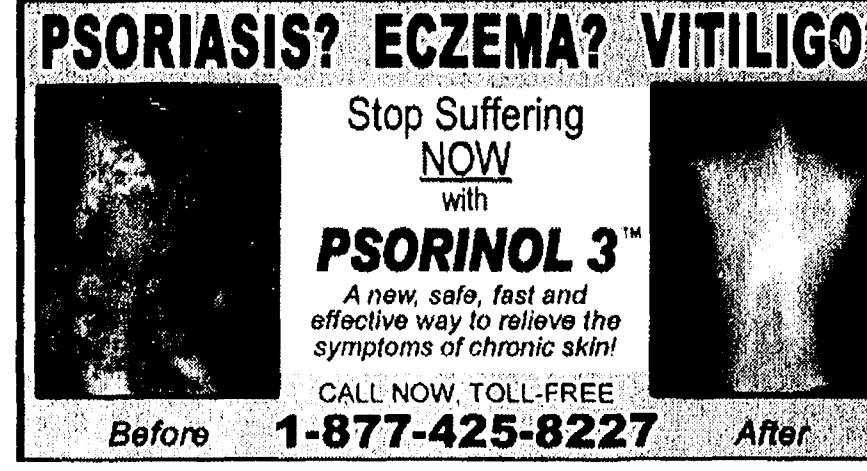


Patti's Towne House Restaurant will be closed for the month of April for remodeling. The NEW owners are Dan & Carol Carney. We will reopen in May.

Grayling Little League to host home run derby



Rocky Tobin presents Matt Burrell with a prize at last year's home run derby. Burrell won the minor league division.



■ Ten-division competition will be held on May 21 at Millikin Field

Grayling Little League will host a home run derby at Millikin Field on Saturday, May 21.

The league held a home run derby last year as part of its 40th anniversary celebration, and it was so popular the board has

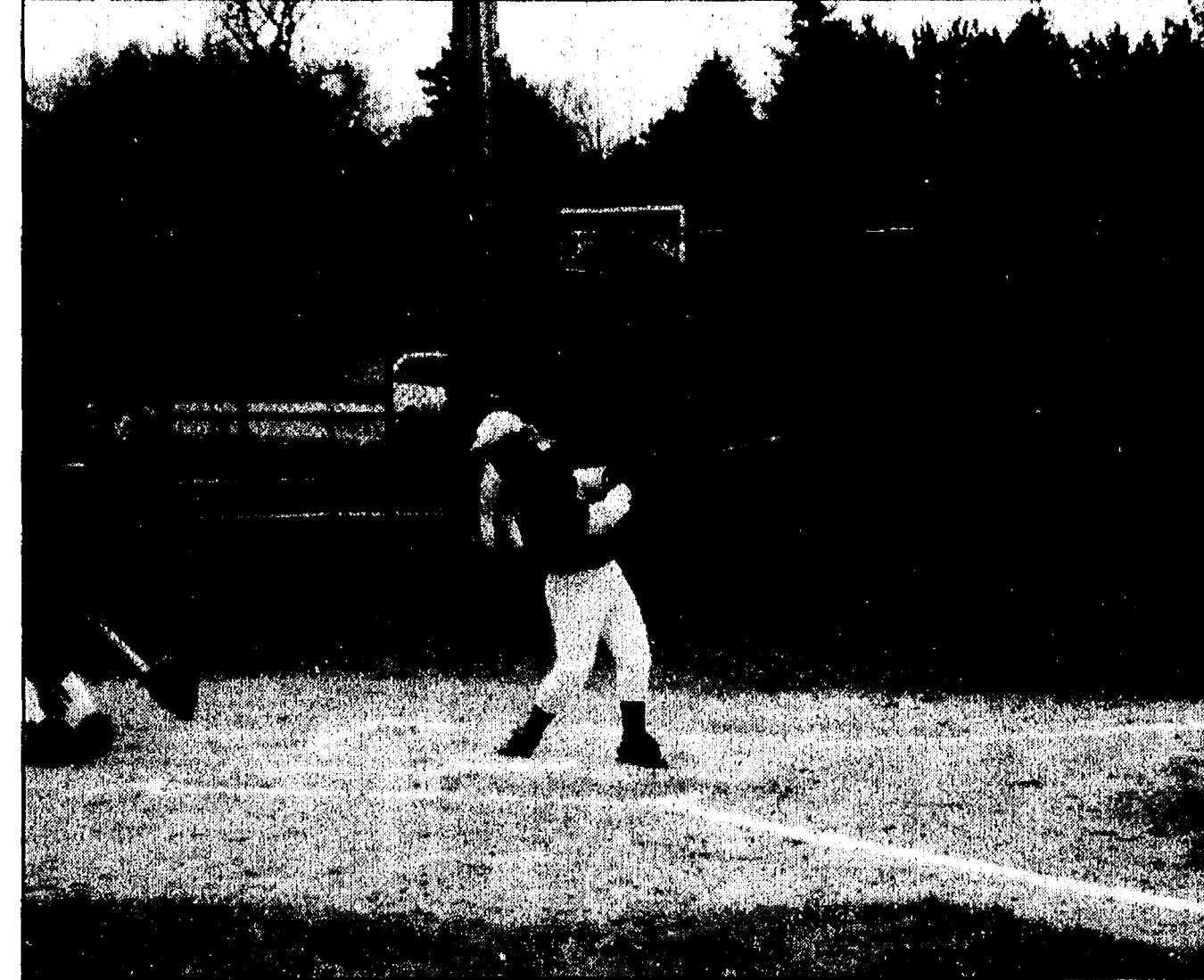
opted to host the event again," league officials said.

Participants can compete in 10 divisions: one for each division of little league (minor, intermediate, junior, and softball), Vikings (high school athletes), alumni (past members of little league), coaches (current league coaches), celebrity (local celebrities), and business (league sponsors and supporters).

Competitors will have a

chance to hit three balls off the pitching machines with points scored for home runs and total distance of the combined hits. Speed of the pitch will be based on the division participating. Prizes will be awarded for each division. Registration is free and begins at 10 a.m. at Millikin Field.

As part of the event's opening ceremonies, all little league teams, coaches, and sponsors will be announced.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Little League

Joey Latusek takes a crack at a homer in the 2004 derby.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-6944-DE

Estate of Eva M. Bidwell, deceased

Date of birth: 07/09/1914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Eva M. Bidwell, who lived at 1609 Ausable Trail, Grayling, Michigan died 10/02/2004

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Monty Bidwell named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 4/14/05

Monte J. Burneister P48732

108 E. Michigan Ave.

Grayling, MI 49738

989-348-7114

Monty Bidwell

5826 Monty Lane

Grayling, MI 49738

989-348-0621

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Notice Of Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTN POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lewis R. Straubel, a single man, to Green

Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 9, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 26, 2000, in Liber 521, Page(s) 358, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$96,110.34, together with interest at 11.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on May 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan:

Parcel P-1: Part of the W 1/2 of See 11, T28N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 11; line 1/4 line N 00 Degrees 32'35" E along said 1/4 line 1449.30 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 11, thence N 54 Degrees 34' W 437.10 feet; thence N 04 Degrees 58'30" E 955.74 feet; thence S 89 Degrees 58' 20" E: 284.63 feet; thence S 00 Degrees 32'35" W: 1205.60 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: April 13, 2005

W: Doug Foreclosures/Fifth Third Bank/Butler, Robert LM10333

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21-28-5-12-19

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE:

Fifth Third Bank may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Robert L. Butler, an individual and a married man and Angela M. Butler, an individual and a married woman, collectively and jointly and severally to Fifth Third Bank, dated February 21, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on February 26, 2005, in Liber 621, Page(s) 385, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$123,864.96, together with interest at 7.5 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on May 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., at the front door to the County Bldg, in Grayling, MI, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the City of Grayling,

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act of 1976, PA 267; The May regular meeting of the Frederic Township Board of Trustees has been rescheduled and will be held on May 11, 2005 at 7:00 in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE:

Fifth Third Bank f/k/a Old Kent Bank may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Fifth Third Bank

By: H. DOUGLAS SHEPHERD (P64560)

Attorneys for Mortgagee

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP CITIZENS

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act of 1976, PA 267; The May regular meeting of the Frederic Township Board of Trustees has been rescheduled and will be held on May 11, 2005 at 7:00 in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Will be filling the position of SEXTON

This is considered a part-time position, with a pay schedule of \$100.00 a month, to perform those tasks outlined in "Duties of Sexton". Any additional services as determined necessary by the Board/Supervisor would be paid at an hourly rate of \$8.10 per hour.

A copy of "Duties of Sexton", along with an employment application, can be obtained, from the Township, Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All applications should be marked "Sexton Position", and received at the Township no later than 12:00 p.m., on May 10, 2005, to be reviewed at the monthly Board Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., May 10, 2005.

South Branch Township is an equal opportunity employer.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD

SOUTH BRANCH CLEAN UP DAYS

May 21, 2005

September 17, 2005

8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Clean-up Collection List

As a general rule, clean-up items include:

• Household furniture, including chairs, couches, mattresses and tables.

Clean-up items DO NOT include:

• Acy liquids, including unsolidified paint, motor oil, and antifreeze

• Yard waste, leaves or brush

• Appliances containing Freon

• Chemicals or other hazardous wastes

• Flammables and explosives

• Dangerous items, such as gasoline or hot ashes, burning barrels

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the

bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Calkins and Kim Calkins, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, NA, Mortgage, dated October 31, 2000, and recorded on November 7, 2002 in Liber 522 on Page 346, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee on behalf of the registered Certificateholders of GSAMP Trust 2004-SEA2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SEA2

date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight And 76/100 Dollars (\$76,798.76), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 27, Skyline Heights, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 21, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC 248.593.1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee on behalf of the registered Certificateholders of GSAMP Trust 2004-SEA2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SEA2

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #050330F01

Shirley A. Johnson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, Mortgage, dated May 28, 2004, and recorded on June 7, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 857, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six And 10/100 Dollars (\$52,356.10), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4 of Block 10 of Roffee's Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 21, 2005

For more information, please call:
FC 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leroy M. Johnson and

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Sealed bids shall be received for the following project:

Remodeling to Maple Forest Township Hall
Street Address: 8996 N. Sherman Road
Mailing Address: 2520 West Marker Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

No later than 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened.

Scope of work includes new metal roof, old hall remodeling and miscellaneous work.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Architect for a refundable deposit of \$20.00 per set and a \$5.00 non-refundable mailing charge. Contact:

David G. Riebschleger, Architect
7190 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Suite #100
Houghton Lake, MI 48629
Phone: 989-422-4900 Fax: 989-422-4901

Submitted by:
Sandra L. Baynham
Township Clerk
Maple Forest

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit

Corrugated Plastic Pipe

Corrugated Metal Pipe

Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt

All material must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informality in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burtch, Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. There are currently two seats on the Board of Directors the terms of office for which will expire on June 30, 2005. Term limitations do not exist for members of the CCTA Board of Directors, and the individuals currently holding those offices, Mr. Frederick Schaible and Ms. Jeannette Kitchen, are eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. A primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purposes of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

All Board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be received at the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005.

Questions or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-8215

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Grayling Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on re-zoning Block 12 and Block 13 of Roffee's Addition, including Block 2 of Hadley's 3rd Addition to the City of Grayling to an R-2 (Multiple Family Residential) Zoning District. The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the City of Grayling to make comments regarding the proposed change.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday May 17, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. A map of the proposed zoning changes can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Zoning Administrator, Steve Doyle either by phone at 348-2131 or by mail at P.O. Box 549.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PU050003 Made application to request a guest cottage as accessory living quarters, per Section 20.51 permitted under special uses, Article XVII with additional conditions of the Crawford County zoning ordinance.

Petitioner: David Royce
5736 E. Pioneer Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:

5736 E. Pioneer Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Township: South Branch

Property Code: 062-036-002-020-00

Zoning District: RR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to: Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran, Director

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE

To all Qualified Electors of Crawford County:

The Annual School Election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005 for the purpose of electing two candidates to the Crawford AuSable School Board.

The polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Two people will be elected to the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education for four (4) year terms ending in 2009. Any write-in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2005.

Voting precinct locations:

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election:

- 1 Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738
- 2 Frederic, Maple Forest & Otsego Lake Twps - Frederic Twp. Community Center
7565 W. County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733
- 3 Lovells Twp. Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
4, 5 & 6 Grayling Twp. Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
- 7 Beaver Creek Twp. Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling, MI 49738
- 8 Bear Lake Twp. Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Crawford AuSable School Election Coordinator

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

989 348-2841

Case No. 04 6599 CK
WALTER SCHRODT & MARGARET SCHRODT, NORMAN & GERTRUDE SHERBERT LIVING TRUST NORMAN AND JUDITH SHERBERT, PAUL AND KIMBERLY KANARY

David R. Sabin P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
989 348-5588

JEFF E. TAROLLI AND KAREN E. TAROLLI, ET AL
TO: Jeff E. Tarolli and Karen E. Tarolli
IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to vacate the northerly 25 feet of Beech Terrace east of Maybelle Avenue in the Sixth Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 6/27/05. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

-28-5-12

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting

April 11, 2005

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Board members present: Riley, Balnes, Little, Summers and Hartman. There were 14 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Balnes and seconded by Little to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Reports given by the Supervisor, Clerk and by the Fire Chief on DPW and zoning.

There were three pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Five Ordinances were presented for approval. Ordinance No. 128-2004 to Land Division Ordinance, Ordinance No. 15. Motion by Balnes and seconded by Little to approve. Ordinance No. 28. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 29-Liquor License and Control Ordinance. Motion by Balnes and seconded by Hartman to adopt Ordinance No. 29. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 30-Litter Ordinance. Motion by Balnes and seconded by Hartman to adopt Ordinance No. 30. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 31-Dangerous Building Ordinance. Motion by Little and seconded by Summers to adopt Ordinance No. 31. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 32-Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. II, Entitled "Junk Yards". Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 32 by Little and seconded by Hartman. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding American Legion grounds sewer project.

3. Discussion regarding changing from Maylone to IT Right for a web host. Motion by Hartman to purchase "Front Line" and set up with IT Right to host. Seconded by Little. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4. Cemetery cleanup day will be May 5th at 4:00 p.m.

New Business:

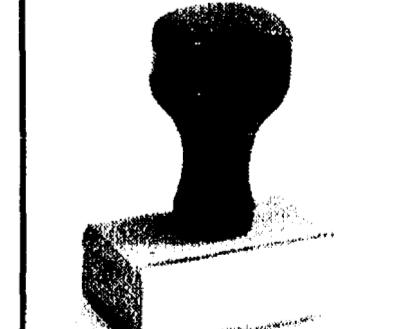
1. Complaint regarding sawmill in Indian Glens.

2. Thank you to Road Commission for picking up papers blowing around W. 4 Mile Road exit recently.

3. Motion by to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

April 29, 1982

Sunshine and 70 degree temperatures greeted trout fishermen on opening day Saturday, but the fish refused to join in making it a spectacular day. With water levels up and patches of snow still left in the woods, few fish were reported caught over the weekend. Skip Madsen, of Skip's Sport Shop, said about 15 fish were brought into his place during the weekend. The largest was 20 inches and most were 16-17 inches.

The Kirtland Community College Foundation has launched a fund drive aimed at raising nearly \$200,000 to start a registered nurse program. KCC proposes to add a registered nurse program to its existing licensed practical nurse program.

St. John Lutheran congregation observed a 90th anniversary on Sunday, April 25. The Danish Lutheran charter was formed April 24, 1982 and the first church board consisted of Olaf Sorenson, acting Chairman, Henry Petersen, Rasmus Rasmussen, Severin Jensen, and Andrew Mortenson. All through the early years the service was in the Danish language.

In four days, more than 100 letters were written to Lansing legislators by Crawford County Public Transit riders expressing concern about possible funding cuts. Manager Chet Johnston told county commissioners last Thursday a 35 percent cut in federal revenue is coming in October.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department celebrated their 103rd

anniversary with a reception at the County Courthouse last Thursday. Sheriff Joe White received a plaque from chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners, Jeannette Kitchen.

Grayling Fire Department volunteer fireman, Jon Smock, cleans a fire truck during a recent warm spring day. The Grayling City and township Fire Departments, headed by Fire Chief Tony Doremire, will be providing fire protection to Weyerhaeuser's new \$60 million plant under a three month act signed last week with Beaver Creek Township. The Grayling department has 20 volunteer firemen.

46 Years Ago

April 30, 1959

A new addition is being constructed on the kitchen of John Wharf's Dinner Bell Inn on US 27 just north of the city limits.

The Snowland Class D Conference of which Frederic High is a member has decided to run a one day all conference track meet this year as an experiment. If successful it will probably become an annual affair. The conference also released their all conference basketball team for the past season. Two players were given a unanimous vote by the conference coaches. They were Bill Johnson, 5 foot, 10 inch junior from Frederic and Carl Dingman, 5 foot, 11 inch senior from Central Lake.

It has been announced to the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce by Emil Kraus that he will merge his Grayling 5¢ to \$1

store with the E. Kraus Dry Goods Store at the corner of Michigan and Cedar streets. He also announced that immediately after Labor Day the building housing the Grayling 5¢ and \$1 Store will be demolished and a new building built in its place into which the present Ben Franklin store will expand.

Last weekend, the opening weekend of trout season, proved a poor one for the hordes chasing the finny prize. The weather was very good for the opening day of the season but high, cold, roly-poly water held catches down. A very, very few fishermen reported creel limits.

Joseph "Pop" Dudley of Beaver Creek, Pure Oil Camp, will celebrate his 92nd birthday on May 3. "Pop" as they call him lives with his daughter Mrs. Dewey Bonar.

69 Years Ago

April 30, 1936

President William Hill announces the appointment of the following persons to complete the board of directors of the Grayling Winter Sports Association, Inc.: C. J. McNamara, Roy Trudgeon and Alfred Hanson. He as president, and Charles Moore as secretary are the other members. Mrs. Hill says that it is the intention of the board to engage the services of a competent man to have entire charge of the management of the winter park.

The Plaza Grill is attractive with new decorations, checkered in black and cream is the new color scheme.

Oil leases in 15,760 acres of land in South Branch township

have been made to the T. F. Caldwell Corp., Advance Oil and Gas Corp., the Osage Oil and Gas Corp., and to L. G. Donnellon. This area comprises lands known as the South Branch Ranch Co.

Charlie Fehr gets the credit for a handsome contribution to our City Park in the form of a bird house for martin's that is especially well built and very large.

92 Years Ago

May 1, 1913

Six more Ford cars have been sold here this week by the Grayling Machinery Repair Co.

The Grayling social club gave another one of their popular dancing parties at their club rooms Friday evening. The following have been appointed on the entertainment committee for the ensuing year: Dr. Claude Keyport, A. M. Lewis and Ambrose Mielstrup. For the ladies club: Mrs. Olaf Michelson, Mrs. Oscar Hanson and Mrs. Esbern Hanson.

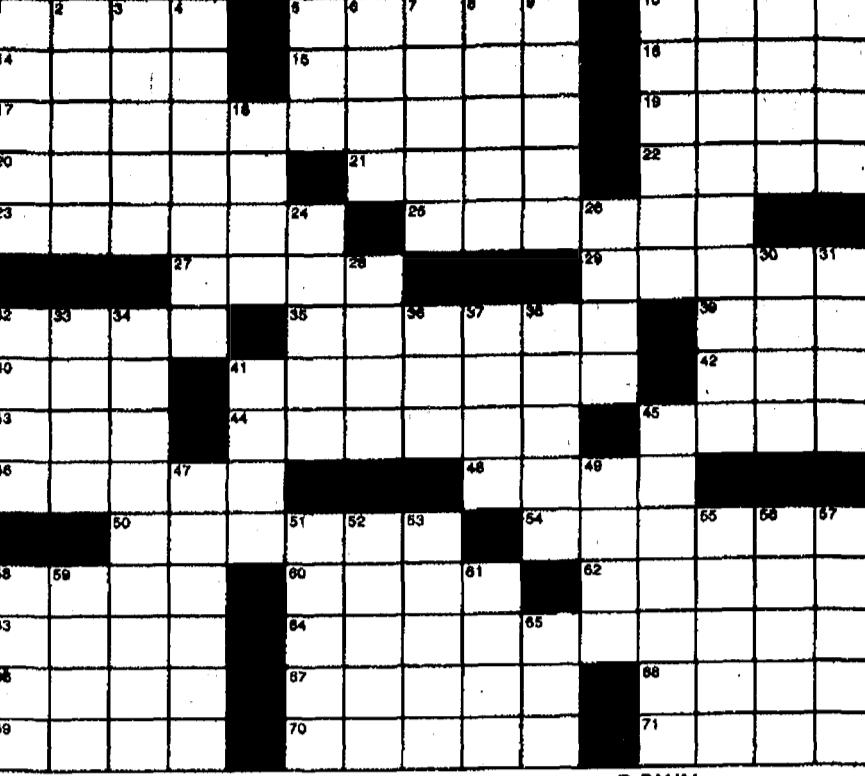
The new school house foundation on the South Side is in place.

There will be a nightcap social held at the school house at Cheney, May 23, for the purpose of raising money to help buy an organ for the Pere Cheney Union Sunday School. Each lady is to bring two nightcaps alike.

Dan Stephan has been commissioned Special Deputy State Game Warden, his papers arriving last Monday morning. They were signed by State Game Warden Oates. He is also fire warden.

N. P. Olson has just purchased a splendid team of grays for driving purposes; also a bay mare. He says he will soon open a small livery business in the barn he purchased from George Langevin.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Wrap up a corpse.
- 5. The Wonder Years mom.
- 10. Cheyenne, Kyra and Jake Hart's mom.

14. Lori ___, voice of Rhonda's mom on Hey, Arnold!

15. Geographical regions.

16. vera, burn treatment.

17. Carol Potter's role on Beverly Hills 90210.

19. Son of Camryn Manheim.

20. Transparent linens and cottons.

21. Form of "Elizabeth."

22. Islamic call to prayer.

23. Reflexive form of "I."

25. Private resort bungalow.

27. Thin.

29. Ally, Geoffrey and Michael Barone's mother.

32. Whole-fruit preserves.

35. Landon, daughter of Lynn Landon.

39. French for "water."

40. Scottish adverb for "away."

41. J.J., Thelma and Michael Evans' mother.

42. The __ Soldier, starring Ally Sheedy as Billy's mom.

43. Not either.

44. Lionel Jefferson's mom.

45. Slang for "excellent."

46. Family Ties mom.

48. Anklebones.

50. Approaches.

54. Anhydride analogous to lactone.

58. Spanish for "stew."

60. The Donna ___ Show.

62. Gabriella's mom on Sesame Street.

63. Small dam in a river.

64. Florence Henderson's role on The Brady Bunch.

66. Netlike ornamental fabric.

67. Useful.

68. Music halls.

69. Cast off.

70. More sound.

71. Indian units of weight.

DOWN

1. Succulents.

2. George ___, English novelist.

3. Rajahs' wives.

4. Love, starring Shirley Knight as Jade's mother.

5. Slang for "no."

6. Spoken.

7. Surviving trace.

8. Marse.

9. Burnt residue.

10. Having branches.

11. Just the Ten of Us mom.

12. Weighted rope for catching cattle.

13. Indefinitely long period of time.

18. Shout.

24. Flaky Greek dessert pastry.

26. Thought or concept.

28. __Po, introduced Buddhism to Vietnam.

30. Ottoman ruler's Christian subject.

31. Bee on The Andy Griffith Show.

32. Kaczmarek, Lois on Malcolm in the Middle.

33. Absent without leave.

34. Played dorm director on A Different World.

36. Title of respect in India.

37. Peyton ___, Sierra Montgomery's daughter on As The World Turns.

38. Perfect.

41. Run away from.

45. Vagabonds.

47. Trapped.

49. Claudia ___, played Mary Hartman's daughter.

51. Roll cloud.

52. Lariat.

55. Exchange.

56. Helper.

57. Ms. Angelou's.

58. Nocturnal birds of prey.

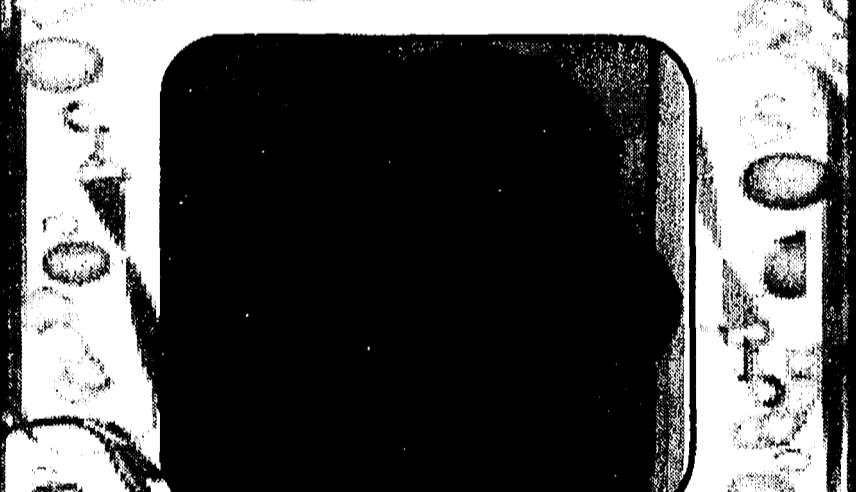
59. Ayres, Jessica and Mickey's mom on The Brady's.

61. Hand out.

65. Irish personified sea.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Comet may be a Flat Coat Retriever/Newfoundland mix. Whatever cross he is, he is a great dog. Someone forgot to tell him he was too large for laps. He is about 1 year old, neutered, heartworm tested, has all of his vaccinations, and we think he's housebroken. Most of our pets will be leaving for "Meet Your Best Friend" at the zoo in Detroit on Friday, so if you are interested in any of them you need to make up your mind now before it is too late.

For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.asscc.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Janet Andrews at Northern Tails Grooming 989-344-9999.

Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank, The Copy Shop, 7-11, Scheer Motors and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4111

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4/20	81	44	0.83						
4/21	53	28	0						
4/22	60	27	0						
4/23	55	27	0						
4/24	32	28	0.08						
4/25	35	28	0.22						
4/26	54	33	0						

Partly Cloudy

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 28, 2005

CAPRICORN December 22- January 19	<b
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ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

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1. Real Estate

GRAYLING SURVEYED 2.5 ACRES Rolling valley, great view, near AuSable main stream, state land, \$17,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (3/17/05tf/1)

DAWN BUYS HOMES Foreclosure, divorce, job transfer? No problem, don't ruin your credit. Call 231-258-0071. (-21-28-5-12/1)

HOLY WATERS 208' frontage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, living/family rooms, on 2 acres. 989-390-0070 (-7-14-21-28/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

LAKE MARGRETHE, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, 153 ft. on lake-canal, 3rd house from lake. A private Harbor Beach subdivision. 4 bedroom ranch, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, new windows, roof, siding, furnace, 2,565 sq. ft. of living space, \$309,000. 989-348-5407 (-28-5-12/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

GAYLORD/GRAYLING AREA 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with pole barn on a wooded 1 acre lot, near state land. Priced to sell \$79,900. Northwood Land Co. 989-344-6093 (-14-21-28-5/1)

1. Real Estate

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Family Room
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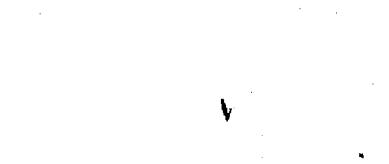
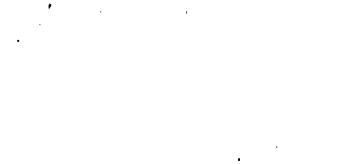
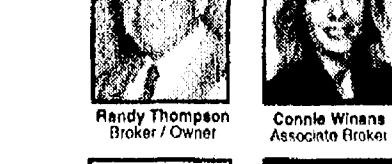
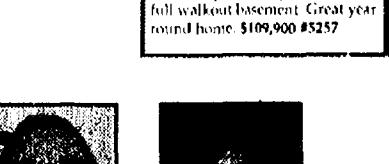
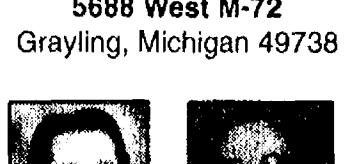
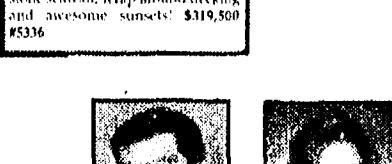
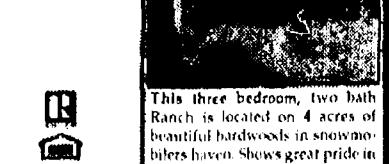
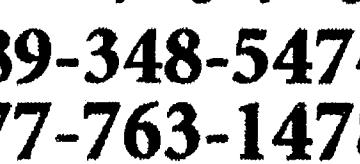
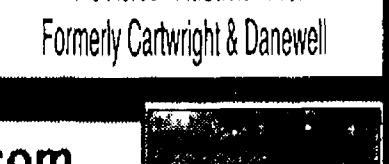
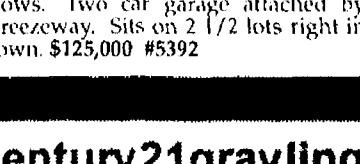
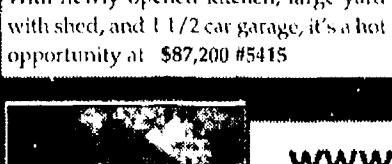
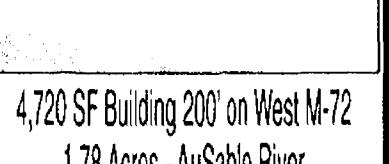
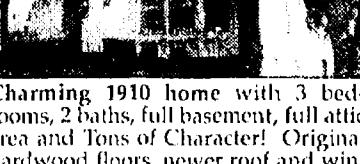
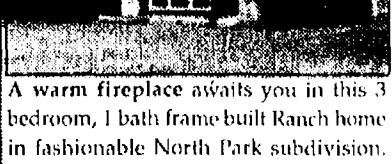
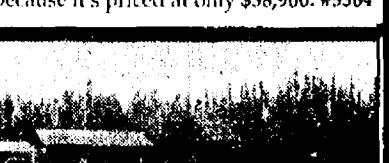
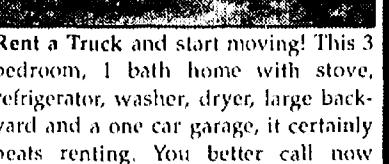
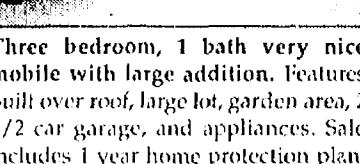
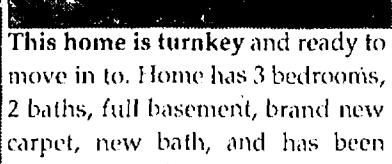
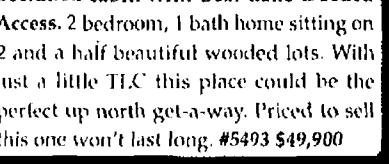
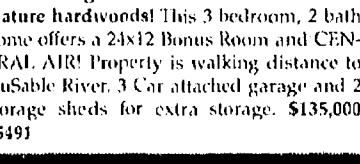
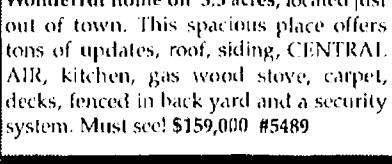


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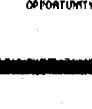
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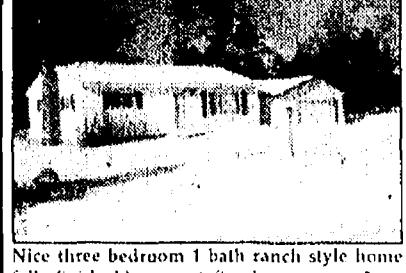
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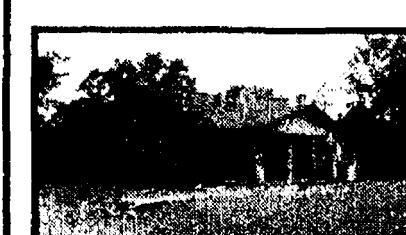
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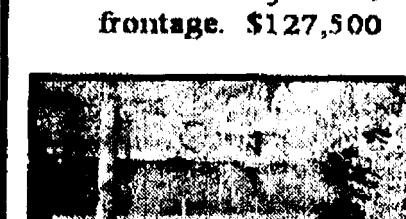
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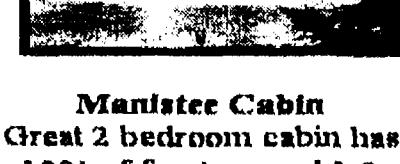
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100 WORKERS NEEDED Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. To \$480+ week. Free information package 24 hour. 801-428-4641. (-7-14-21-28/3)

SUMMER PARK INTERPRETER, \$7.65/hr. Background in Natural Resources/Biology helpful but not necessary. Contact Craig Kasmer-989-348-2537. (-28/3)

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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UMPIRES NEEDED! Grayling Recreation Authority is looking for Umpires for our 2005 Men's Softball Season. If interested please contact us at 989-348-9266. (-28-5/3)

2. For Rent

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Frederic Township is looking for a hard working individual to assist in our maintenance department for the summer months. Job duties

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pay is determined on experience. Anyone interested please submit

your application to the Frederic Township Clerk's office no later

than May 5, 2005 at 2:00 pm. Interviews will be on May 9th or 10th.

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Holiday Inn

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Grayling, MI 49738

3. Employment

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03ff/5)

FOR SALE: 93' Grand Am, \$2,500 or best. 92' Corsica, \$500 or best. 93' Ford pickup extended cab, \$1,800 or best. Call 344-1146 or 390-6979. (-28-5/5)

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03ff/5)

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ESTATES AUCTION! April 30th, at 10 a.m. in Mio, Perry Creek & M-33. Complete household; appliances; collectibles; glass; tools; Power Pipe Threader; garden related; JD mowers; boat; canoe; Dodge Durango; coins & more! Full Sale! View online or call Lets Talk Auction Company at (989)848-5158 or www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-28/5)

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GARAGE SALE- APRIL 29-30, 124 Isenhauer Road, 9-5, rain or shine-inside. Wide variety of stuff, everything must go! (-28/10)

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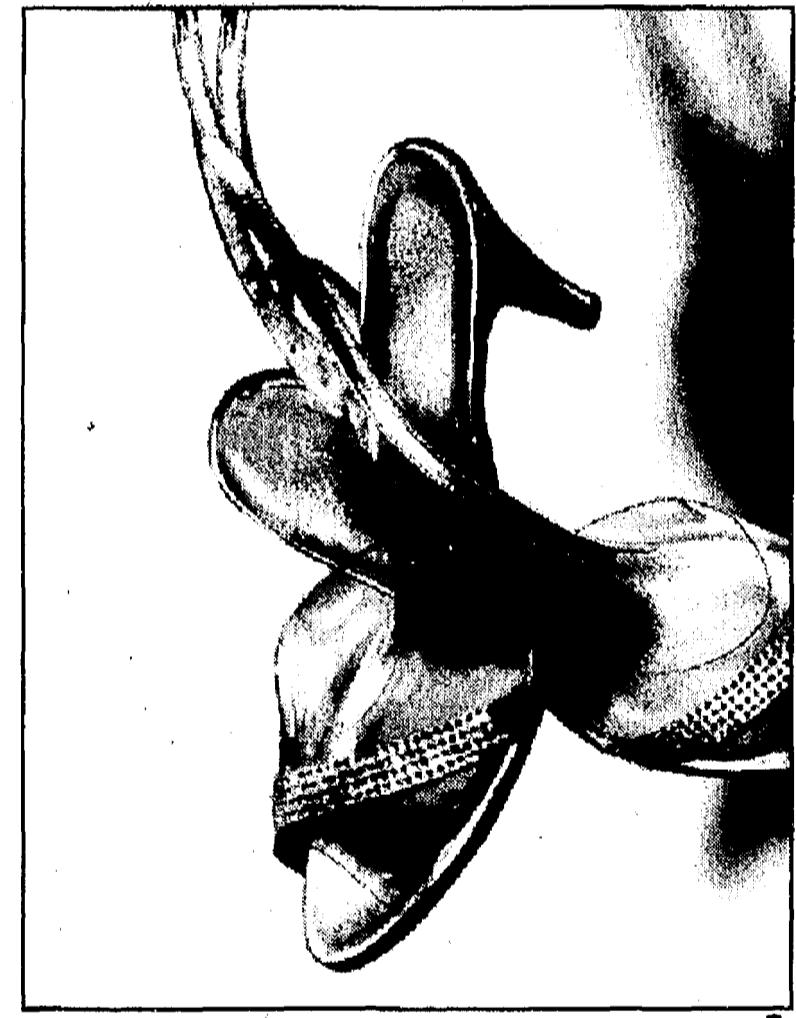
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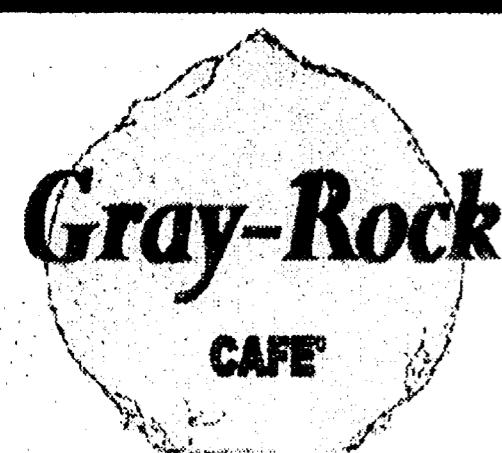
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A "day on the river" is a great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's great outdoors.

Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from about two to six hours and overnight canoe/camp trips from two to six days, or more. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds at various points along the rivers.

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As with any water-sport activity, safety is a primary consideration. Floating or paddling the river is a risk activity, which can result in injury or even death if done carelessly or recklessly.

Canoeing season starts as soon as spring temperatures begin to warm through the fall color sea-

son; a few liveries even offer winter canoe trips. Summer weekends can be very busy at the area liveries, so advance reservations are strongly encouraged.

Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately: warm, layered clothing in cool weather (don't forget extra dry clothes in a secure dry bag); remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days. Taking along rainwear is always a wise choice; northern Michigan weather can change quite quickly.

Members of the Grayling AuSable Canoe Livery Association (GACLA) love sober canoers. Canoeing while intoxicated is dangerous and illegal. GACLA members remind you: kegs, hard liquor and glass beverage containers are not allowed. There is a limit of one six-pack of beer per canoe.

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Walking is not strenuous and has few health risks. However, you should consult a physician if you are over 60 years old, have a disease or disability or are taking medication.

A checkup also is recommended if you are substantially overweight, easily fatigued, an excessive smoker or have been physically inactive for a long period of time.

Ready to get started? A podiatrist can help you plan a walking regimen. Here are some tips from the APMA on how to get the most out of your walking routine.

- Stretch. Stretching before and after your walk helps you improve circulation and decrease buildup of lactic acid, a chemical byproduct that causes muscles to ache.

- Start off slowly. Gradually increase the distance, time and pace of your walking workout. You run the risk of injury if you walk too far or too fast too soon. If you are just starting a regular walking regimen, stay on flat surfaces, avoiding excessively big hills and embanked roadways.

- Move at a steady pace. Walk fast enough to speed up your heartbeat and breathe deeply. Make sure to walk with your head up, your back straight and your

abdomen flat. As you walk, land on the heel of your foot and roll forward to push off on the ball of your foot.

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water before and after your walk.

- Wear the proper footwear. Podiatrists recommend lightweight walking shoes with breathable materials and adequate support and flexibility. Wear thick, absorbent socks made of acrylic fiber.

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- Study a map or guide to know the terrain you'll be hiking and estimate the time it will take to arrive at your destination. Pad your estimates with extra time to account for delays.
- Obtain necessary permits and reserve campsites in advance, and check local regulations to avoid fines.
- Know the area's weather patterns and accommo-
- date for time of year. Always be prepared for the worst weather.
- Remember, it's very easy to perspire, even in the winter, so dress appropriately in layers and be prepared for changing conditions, temperature changes at higher altitudes, and evenings. Avoid wearing jeans or cotton clothing. Wear polypropylene, wool or other breathable materials that wick moisture away and dry quickly. Always pack rain gear.
- Get to know your gear before heading out. Seal the tent and familiarize yourself with its design and set-up. Learn how to operate your stove so you're not caught in the dark or the rain trying to figure it out.
- Know what you can carry and how long you can carry it without straining yourself. The pack shouldn't weigh more than 25 percent of your weight, so take only what you need.
- Plan meals carefully. Packers consume 3,200 to 3,800 calories per day and need high carbohydrate foods, proteins and fats such as peanut butter, trail mixes, instant oatmeal, pastas and dried fruit.
- Eat a high calorie
- breakfast to load up on energy and don't underestimate the need for frequent snacks.
- Pay attention to where the water sources are located and make sure you keep bottles filled in case the next source is farther away than expected.
- Don't be fooled by cooler temperatures or the fact that you don't feel thirsty. Your body can pass off moisture quickly, resulting in dehydration. Drink up to four quarts of liquid per day.
- Listen to your body. It's not unusual to stop often for a rest and drink of water. Depending on the terrain and the temperature, you may need to rest every 20 minutes or half hour. In hot weather, carry a wet bandana to cool your face and neck. And pay attention to feet for developing blisters.
- Cook the evening meal before it gets too dark, and store your food in a sack hung from a tree limb at night to keep it away from marauding raccoons, skunks or bears.
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Turning the annual family vacation into a camping trip is becoming more popular each year, partly because of cost benefits, but mostly because wilderness visits allow parents and children to experience something more meaningful, something you can't quite capture at a neon-embellished amusement park or concrete tourist area.

Eighty-five percent of Americans polled by the U.S. Travel Data Center said spending time together as a family is the principle reason for vacationing. Camping not only provides that needed time together, it offers a more significant experience that leaves a lasting impression on kids — and it's less expensive.

Once you have purchased the needed equipment, camping vacations cost a family less money overall. Many places rent equipment if you'd prefer to try it out before making the investment. Tents come in many different styles and sizes. Some families may need a cabin-style tent, but the majority prefer an umbrella style because it's more compact, easy to assemble and has plenty of interior space.

Today's campers have a lot of options both in equipment and in experience. If you prefer some modern conveniences, many campgrounds have showers and restrooms right on the premises. Some have playgrounds or a swimming area to entertain kids. And there are a number of campgrounds with tent sites on the shores of lakes or streams for fishing and

canoeing access.

If you prefer the rustic experience, there is a tremendous amount of free entertainment right at your feet, even in the most remote wilderness area. Often, kids will have fonder memories of a nature hike or a night around the campfire than a busy tourist area. Or learning how to navigate in the wilderness with a compass can leave them feeling more accomplished than an afternoon of playing video games.

Meals cooked outside also are more memorable for kids. Hectic home schedules make it difficult for families to gather for meals. But there are few, if any, interruptions at a campsite. Kids are even willing to get involved with the cooking and less likely to complain about what there is to eat. And there's truth to the adage that everything seems to taste better coming from a campfire or a cooler, versus the kitchen table at home.

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is flexible and can be tailored to your desires. A family might combine some options on their vacation, taking advantage of the hiking trails and wildlife of a slightly secluded campground, yet visiting some of the local tourist sites and occasionally eating out.

Contact your state tourism department, game and fish department or parks and recreation department for information on camping facilities will. For out of state information, contact the National Park Service at 202-208-4747, or the U.S. Forest Service at 202-205-0957 for a list of national forests and campgrounds. State highway maps are another good source of campground information. Time spent with your family experiencing the natural world together is rewarding for everyone. Camping vacations will bring back many happy memories for years to come.

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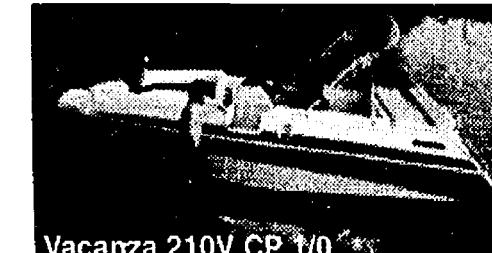
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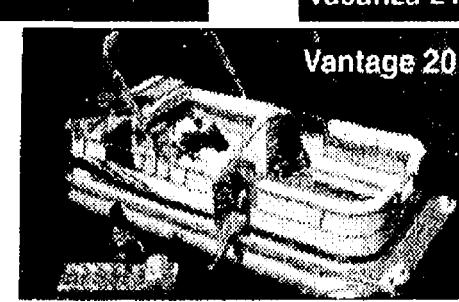
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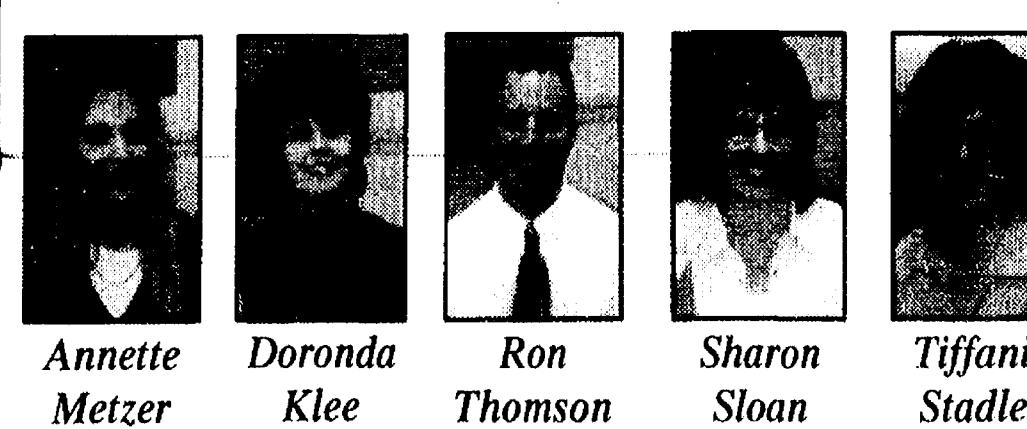
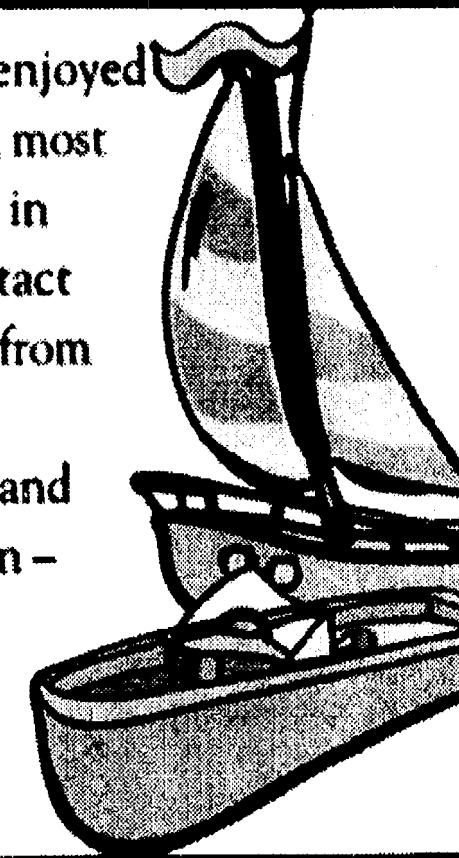
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In recognition of the fine fishing found in the county, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution designating the greater community of Grayling 'The Trout Fishing Capital of the Eastern United States' in September of 1998.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems are two of the most stable systems in the United States, which makes them more accessible to fishermen year round. Each system offers catches of native

Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout to the discerning angler.

There are numerous public accesses, and rental canoes are available for anglers to enjoy the rivers for fishing or sport. Local sport shops and lodging accommodations have area maps and generally have information about hatches and water conditions.

Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers with some areas designated for "flies only," and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware, and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season, which is the last Saturday in April (April 30 this year). Afternoon hatches, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a

popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

It is important to mention that most of the anglers who are successful in catching the larger trout fish for them during the late evening and on into the night. Fishermen are often found on the streams all night waiting for the spinner falls, which generally come between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and for the hatches, which occur after 10 p.m. and last sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants and crickets. The warm sunny days are an ideal time to fish the Browns lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the leaves, enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool evening with Brown and Brook Trout becoming more active. It's a great time to come to northern Michigan and experience fall colors, late lake fishing, bird hunting and Salmon fishing.

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Local waterways offer a wide variety of fishing opportunities.

Area Rivers and Lakes Offer a Variety of Fishing Opportunities

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For a special experience, there are several very knowledgeable local guides who offer guided float trips.

In addition to offering two of the finest fishing rivers available, the Crawford County area is home to numerous lakes, which also offer excellent fishing opportunities. Lake Margrethe and Higgins Lake are the two largest bodies of water in the county, offering a variety of lake fishing,

with Lake Margrethe giving up good catches of Walleye and Northern Pike. Opening of Bass season usually finds quantities of fair-sized Large- and Smallmouth Bass, which can be fished with live bait as well as arti-

ficial.

Lake Margrethe also offers Bluegill and Perch for the panfisherman. Higgins Lake is recognized as being one of the 10 most beautiful lakes in the United States, and it is well worth the time spent to learn how to catch its Brown and Lake Trout, as well as Splake. Higgins also offers very large Northern Pike and is noted for its wintertime Perch and Smelt fishing.

North of Grayling and west of Lovells, off County Road 612, lie some small lakes that are local favorites. K.P. Lake lays claim to trophy Bluegill and good numbers of Bass. Jones Lake is home for Walleye and Bluegill, while Hargrove Lake will give a

peaceful afternoon fishing Crappie, Perch and Bluegill.

Most of the streams and lakes in the county can be accessed with a canoe or boat. Wakeley Lake, a "catch and release" lake, requires persons to carry their canoe approximately one-half mile, but the fishing can be worth it. Only artificial bait is allowed.

This summer's Free Fishing Weekend — a two-day period in which residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes waters for free — is set for June 11-12. During this weekend, people can fish in Michigan waters without a fishing license, but all other fishing regulations still apply.

Beat the Winter Blues at a Boat or Sports Show

(NU) — For those unable to jet off to warmer climates, dreaming about the sun, sand and surf may be the only way to make it through the long winter months. But for boat and outdoor enthusiasts, there's a surefire way to cure the winter blues: boat and sports shows.

U.S. boat and boating-related retail purchases totaled \$30 billion in 2003 and this figure is growing quickly. Seventy-two million people participate in recreational boating, more than the combined total of those who play golf or tennis,

according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Each year, the NMMA holds boat shows from coast to coast that are open to the public. At these shows, experienced boaters and newcomers alike find a friendly, relaxed atmosphere where experts are on hand to offer unbiased advice.

"Whether you're a seasoned sailor or someone who's never been on a boat, we want you to come in here and feel the excitement of boating," said

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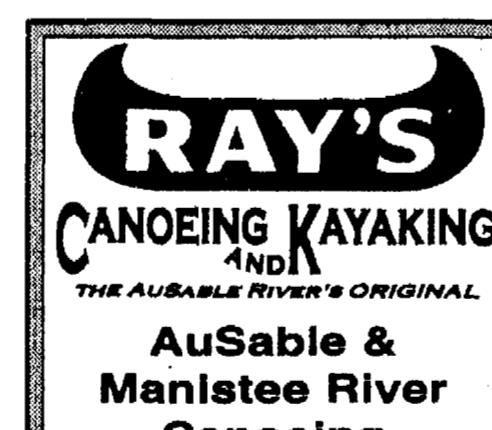
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It's National Barbecue Month - Every Month!

(ARA) — America's love affair with barbecuing is burning brightly, as today three quarters of U.S. homes have a grill and more than sixty percent of gas grill owners cook outdoors year-round. Those few who don't own a grill probably enjoy barbecued food at the homes of families or friends.

Eighty-five percent of families barbecue regularly (families of 4 or more is an even higher number!), as the outdoor lifestyle evolves.

If yours is the typical barbecue household, you have more than one grill. Odds are the second (or third) one is a smoker, a turkey fryer, a kamado cooker or a portable grill to take along on family outings or vacations.

The Twelve-Month 'Season'

What began as barbecue week became National Barbecue Month in May of 1982, when the industry figured it was time to acknowledge that this is the time when 'the season' typically began. Now most people would say 'barbecue time is any time,' with very good reason. Six out of ten new grills sold are gas fueled, and most gas grills are covered. Ditto smokers and kamados. That takes care of cooking out anytime, even with rain or snow.

Just as important, outdoor hearth appliances such as chimineas, portable firepits

and patio heaters are increasingly popular as the trend toward the 'Outdoor Room' continues in all parts of the country. The warmth and ambiance they provide stretches the season in most locations and makes longer evenings outdoors more comfortable than ever.

Woodfires to Infra-Red Searing

Cooking food over fire has had some evolution! While it may not be rocket science, grill design and technology has come a very long way — all with the objective of giving you the flexibility, quality, affordability and safety you want in your backyard. Cooking over charcoal is enjoying a tremendous resurgence, especially using natural lump charcoal. More barbecueurs are also discovering the advantages of using wood chunks or logs as a primary fuel source.

Convenient gas grilling is yours for as little as \$99 or

as much as \$10,000. A great range of features and available add-ons enable cooking even the most adventuresome meals — for nearly any size gathering — without even turning on the kitchen light!

You Make May — and Every Month — Barbecue Time

According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA) there are literally billions of barbecue occasions annually in the U.S. And maybe that's because it is an occasion, whether cooking a family meal or entertaining. It's fun, it's easy, it's safe and it's all in the comfort of your own home. Whether you're throwing a few burgers on the grill or creating an outdoor high cuisine, it all comes down to food and flame.

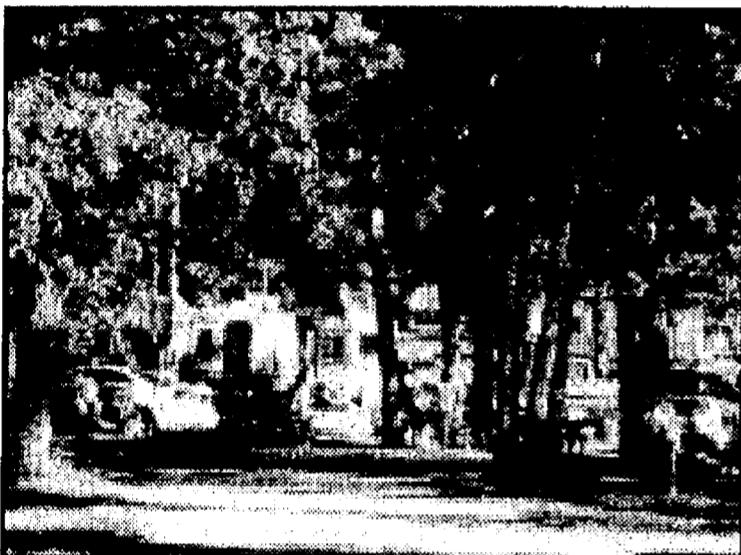
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Steve Tadd, director of

NMMA's Discover Boating program. "Boating is something you can get into at any point in your life. So whether you're 8 or 80, we're here to show you how much fun you can have and how easy it can be."

Most NMMA boat and sports shows offer family-oriented entertainment; some even border on the spectacular — featuring aquatic animal touch-tanks, sea lion shows, remote-control boat races and a host of interactive activities. Kids are admitted free or at greatly reduced prices to most shows.

In addition, experts stop by many of the shows to offer fishing seminars, instructions on boat repair, one-on-one casting demos for beginning anglers and even scuba-diving lessons.

Here are some highlights of exhibits and attractions at some of this winter's NMMA shows.

• Scuba diving: At select boat shows, visitors can take a dip in a tropically

warm pool set up specifically for scuba diving. All scuba suits and diving equipment are provided.

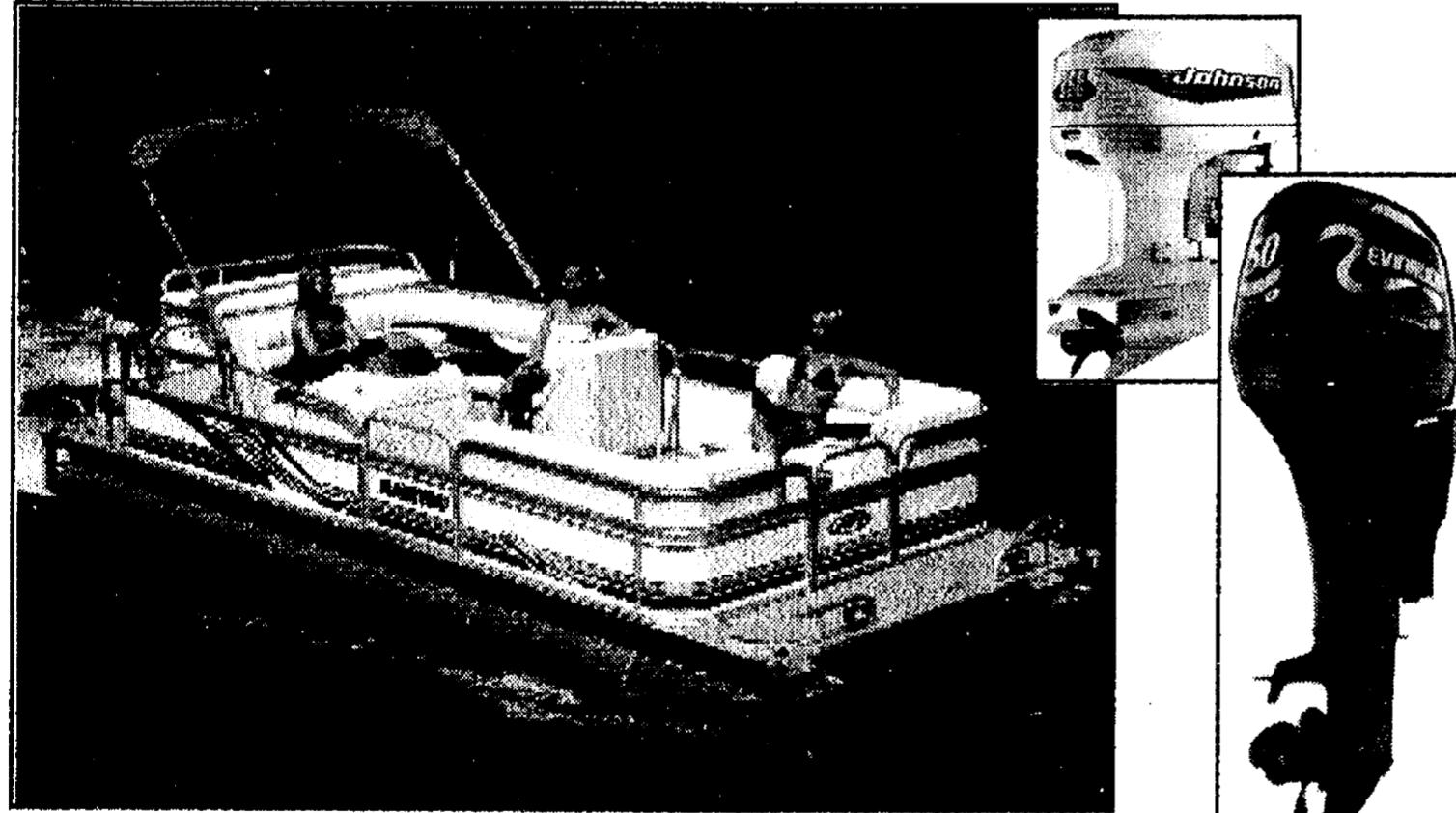
• Indoor lake: For the Toronto International Boat Show, the new Ricoh Coliseum will be flooded with more than 1 million gallons of water, creating the world's largest indoor "marina." Visitors can stroll the docks, board boats, relax, socialize and dine dockside. More than 50 boats will be moored on the lake, with live entertainment daily.

• Women at the helm: This exhibit at select shows is dedicated to supplying boating information to women, with the emphasis on boating as a family activity.

• Fishing seminars: From fly-fishing for trout to big-game fishing for marlin, many shows feature exhibits and seminars with angling tips, equipment and travel information.

To find a boat and sports show in your area, visit discoverboating.com.

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